

# REAL MONARCHS SLC at RIO GRANDE VALLEY FC

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## LATEST MONARCHS INJURY REPORT (Sun., 9/15)

### OUT:

MF Ricardo Ávila (ankle; 7/6/19)

DF Steve Jasso (left foot; 9/12/19)

MF Jordan Pena (abdomen; 9/15/19)

## RECAP: SLC 4 – 1 TAC

Real Monarchs SLC (12-9-7, 43 points) earned a critical 4-1 road victory over Tacoma Defiance at Cheney Stadium on Tuesday night, the club's second consecutive victory. FW Kyle Coffee tallied his second goal in as many games while MF Maikel Chang scored his career best 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> goals of the season while MF Cristian Calix tallied his first in a Monarchs uniform. MF Sam Brown made his first start for the club, playing 85 minutes in the victory.

Real Monarchs started the match strong in the opening minutes when MFs Jack Blake and Luis Palma each took chances that rebounded off the crossbar or ended just off frame. It would be Coffee that struck first in the 32<sup>nd</sup> minute as he found the back of an open net after cleaning up a deflected shot from FW Luis Arriaga. To close out the first half, Tacoma picked up a red card as defender Jesus Rubio committed two back-to-back fouls that resulted in an ejection, leaving the Monarchs with a man advantage for the remainder of the match.

The Monarchs kept the pressure going in the second half as DF Noah Powder served in a corner kick that saw Chang convert a poor clearance to sneak away a second Monarchs goal in the 55<sup>th</sup> minute. Tacoma was able to pull one back when Alfonso Ocampo-Chavez took one shot over GK David Ochoa in the 60<sup>th</sup> minute. Ochoa came up big to hold the Monarchs lead with a fingertip save in the 64<sup>th</sup> minute before Tacoma saw its second red card of the match from a poor tackle as the Monarchs went up two men. Chang earned his brace from the penalty spot in the 73<sup>rd</sup> minute before Calix lofted in a shot from distance to tally his first goal in a Monarchs jersey in the 89<sup>th</sup> minute to provide the Monarchs with the full three points.

## DOUGLAS MARTINEZ HIGHLIGHTS WEEK 28 TEAM OF THE WEEK

After his thrilling performance in front of 2,128 fans, Douglas Martínez highlighted a spot on the USL Championship Team of the Week for Week 28. In the dominating 5-1 win over Portland Timbers 2 on Saturday, Martínez tallied a club-high four goals in a single match including a textbook header and a breakaway from a long ball to smoothly convert 1-on-1 with the T2 goalkeeper. The Honduran International put 100% of his shots on target while completing 14 of 17 passes to secure the weekly accolade for the sixth time and his fourth selection in the Top XI.

## REAL MONARCHS DISMANTLES PORTLAND TIMBERS 2, 5-1

Real Monarchs SLC (11-9-7, 40 points) picked up a critical three points in a thrilling 5-1 win over Portland Timbers 2 in front of 2,218 fans at Zions Bank Stadium on Saturday. FW Douglas Martínez tallied four goals behind a first-half brace and another pair in the second while FW Kyle Coffee notched his third professional goal.

Real Monarchs and Timbers 2 used the first 20 minutes of the contest to get into the rhythm as the two traded possession and opportunities but it was the

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Monarchs who struck first. After FW Sebastian Saucedo latched onto a long ball from MF Jack Blake, he took his shot but it was deflected out by TW goalkeeper Kendall McIntosh. Martínez was to capitalize by cleaning up the deflection for goal. Portland pulled back the score quickly after a shot was deflected out by GK Andrew Putna, but cleaned up in similar fashion by Giovanni Calixtro. Real Monarchs got the last word in the first half when Martínez beautifully headed in the cross from MF Luke Mulholland.

The Monarchs weren't finished as the second half kicked off. Martínez picked up the hatrick after cleaning up a deflection from McIntosh and then tallied a fourth after a long clearance from DF Erik Holt to further the Monarchs lead. Coffee put the nail in the coffin late in the game when he stripped the ball from a Portland defender to create space and bury the goal at the near post. Throughout the afternoon, the Monarchs defense perfectly linked to limit the T2 attack to just a single goal and only four shots on target, providing the Monarchs with a much needed three points in the final stretch of games.

## RECAP: SLC 1-3 LA

Real Monarchs SLC (10-9-7, 37 points) fell 3-1 on the road at Dignity Health Sports Park against LA Galaxy II on Saturday night. RSL man MF Justin Portillo notched the lone Monarchs goal while GK Andrew Putna made four massive saves to help limit the damage from the seven LA Galaxy II shots on target on the night.

The contest started quickly in favor of Los Dos as the home side picked up two goals within the opening 15 minutes. Jose Hernández scored the first when a poor clearance in front of the net landed at his feet for a chance before the hosts found its second goal in the 15<sup>th</sup> minute when Tomas Hiliard-Arce headed the ball home from a corner kick opportunity. FW Kyle Coffee found a chance for Real Monarchs just after the 30<sup>th</sup> minute when he found space and a shot that went just wide of the far post and again meeting a cross from DF Noah Powder that would miss the mark.

The pace slowed down shortly after the whistle to start the second half as the Monarchs began to take control of the game. It would be Los Dos that extended its lead in the 68<sup>th</sup> minute through Iván Gutierrez who placed his shot just under Putna's arm from a tight angle. Real Monarchs found its goal to pull back the scoring through Portillo in the 88<sup>th</sup> minute when he took one touch to curl a left-footed shot into the top corner of the far post. In the end, Real Monarchs could not find another as it fell 3-1 away from home.

## RECAP: SLC 2-2 LV

Real Monarchs SLC (10-8-7, 37 points) split the points with Las Vegas Lights FC after a dramatic 2-2 draw in front of 1,471 fans on Wednesday night in Herriman. MF Jack Blake earned a brace after equalizing from the spot in the first half then again just seconds before the final whistle. MF Christian Calix made his first appearance in the Starting XI for the Monarchs since his signing, playing 37 minutes in the draw.

The match kicked off quickly as Las Vegas Lights FC found an early goal in the 9<sup>th</sup> minute when Christian Torres took one touch to lift the ball over GK

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Andrew Putna, whose touch ultimately proved to not be enough as the ball found the back of the net. After some tense back and forth possession through the middle of the park, the Monarchs were given an opportunity in the 44<sup>th</sup> minute when the referee called for a handball in the box against Lights FC. Blake stepped up to the spot and sent Lights FC goalkeeper Adam Hobbs the wrong way to smoothly equalize the scoring.

The Monarchs came out of the second half swinging, dominating the half through possession and control. FW Douglas Martínez earned a chance when he cut back to drop his defender and fired a shot that skimmed over the crossbar while MF Maikel Chang took an opportunity of his own with a strong touch to get around the defense and test Hobbs. Lights FC found another go-ahead goal on the break when Preston Etaka used his speed to get around the lone Monarchs defender and one-on-one with Putna to slip in the second Lights goal. The dying moments were frantic as the Monarchs threw pressure in around goal with corner kicks and shots that were constantly denied. In the end, it was Blake who found the second equalizing goal and his brace moments before the final whistle to split the points at Zions Bank Stadium.

## **RECAP: SLC 1-3 OCSC**

**Real Monarchs SLC (10-8-6, 36 points)** split the points with OKC Energy FC at Zions Bank Stadium on Friday night, playing to a 2-2 draw in front of 2,091 fans in Herriman. DF Konrad Plewa converted a stunning first half bicycle kick before FW Douglas Martinez added his 11<sup>th</sup> goal of the year in the draw.

The first half saw both sides testing one another while falling into the rhythm of the match. MF Maikel Chang got a head to the ball that looked to dip just under the crossbar midway through the first half while Martinez tested Energy FC goalkeeper Cody Laurendi with two back-to-back shots, which he was able to put stops to. The Monarchs got the best of Energy FC in first half stoppage time when Plewa put away his second goal of the season with a bicycle kick to take a goal advantage into the break.

Energy FC was quick to level the scoring in the second half as Rafael Garcia stepped up to convert a free kick opportunity that found the back of the net at the far post. The contest went back and forth for the remainder of the match as the Monarchs found a second goal from Martínez, who redirected a cross from Chang in the 79<sup>th</sup> minute. Immediately after play resumed, Energy FC launched a counter attack that ended with another equalizing goal from Deshorn Brown. The Energy FC attack mounted in the dying moments as it searched for the go-ahead goal, but the Monarchs defense solidified and held off the OKC attack to end the game 2-2.

## **RECAP: SLC 1-3 OCSC**

**Real Monarchs SLC (10-8-5, 35 points)** dropped a 3-1 result on the road against Orange County SC at Championship Soccer Stadium on Saturday. DF Kalen Ryden tallied the lone Monarchs goal and his second of the season in the loss.

The first half saw Real Monarchs SLC and Orange County SC trade possession and opportunities, through it was Orange County that found the go-ahead goal through Michael Orozco. MF Maikel Chang found the strongest chance for Real Monarchs early in the 9<sup>th</sup> minute with a volley that put OCSC goalkeeper Aaron Cervantes to the test. OCSC found two however as Michael Orozco finished a corner opportunity and Darwin Jones finished a one-on-one with GK Andrew Putna to tap it over to double the lead.

The Monarchs struggled out of the gate after the break as it fought hard to pull a goal back early on. OCSC picked up its third goal after Aodhan Quinn snuck a freekick opportunity under Putna. Ryden put the Monarchs on the board just past the hour-mark when he put away the away the headed effort from the

corner kick at the far post. After Ryden's goal, OCSC swung momentum in its favor, putting the Monarchs defense to the test. The Monarchs backline answered, shutting down the late attack from the hosts, including a big deflection by Putna to end the match 3-1.

## **DAVID OCHOA EARNED SPOT ON WEEK 22 TEAM OF THE WEEK**

Helping solidify the backline for the 1-0 shutout against Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC, Defender Steve Jasso turned some heads and was featured on the Team of the Week for Week 22. Jasso won 9 out of 12 duels, completed 45 of 51 passes and 2 of 2 dribbles to help cut out the Switchbacks offense and secure three points at home.

## **RECAP: SLC 1-1 FRS**

**Real Monarchs SLC (10-7-5, 35 points)** picked up a hard-fought road point at Chukchansi Park against Fresno FC with a 1-1 draw on Friday night. FW Douglas Martinez scored his 10<sup>th</sup> goal of the season in his return to the Utah side after spending time with the Honduras U-23s while RSL MF Kelyn Rowe made his debut for the club with his start. GK David Ochoa made six saves throughout the night to aid in earning the point on the road.

Through the first half, both sides found opportunities as the two teams looked for the opening goal. Fresno FC had a strong opportunity in the 18<sup>th</sup> minute when Fresno Striker Juan Pablo Caffa rifled a shot from distance but was denied by Ochoa who dove to catch the ball out of the air. MF Jack Blake took an opportunity of his own shortly after during a strong attacking run that ended with his shot missing high. It was the Foxes that struck first through Jamie Chavez whose headed effort found the back of the net to give the home side the lead at the break.

The Monarchs came out of the break strong in the second half as DF Kalen Ryden generated a low headed shot that was cleared off the goal line. The Monarchs found the equalizer soon after in the 71<sup>st</sup> minute when Martinez redirected a cross from the end line from MF Maikel Chang to put away the ball at the near post. The Monarchs pressure mounted through the remainder of the match, but the Foxes defense stood firm to prevent the Utah side from finding the go-ahead goal to split the points at Chukchansi Park.

## **JACK BLAKE AND KALEN RYDEN MAKE WEEK 23 TEAM OF THE WEEK**

Two Monarchs were featured on the USL Championship Week 23 Team of the Week as MF Jack Blake highlighted the Best XI and DF Kalen Ryden made an appearance on the bench. Both Blake and Ryden contributed with goals in the 4-1 win over Tulsa Roughnecks FC. Blake had seven shots with one finding the net and the other hitting the woodwork, while recording five key passes. Ryden put away a deflected air ball along with three clearances on the defensive half to make the bench.

## **RECAP: SLC 4-1 TUL**

**Real Monarchs SLC (10-7-4, 34 points)** claimed three points with a 4-1 win over Tulsa Roughnecks FC on Saturday night in front of a home crowd of 2,221 fans. FW Damian German scored his second goal in as many games while MFs Jack Blake and Maikel Chang extended their scoring tallies in 2019. DF Kalen Ryden became the 18<sup>th</sup> player to score for the Monarchs in 2019 and MF Cristian Calix made his Monarchs debut in the 82<sup>nd</sup> minute.

The Monarchs controlled the game from the outset, putting away the opening goal early in the 17<sup>th</sup> minute through German, who redirected his shot from a quick series of passing from Chang and FW Luis Arriaga. The Monarchs

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remained in control for the rest of the first half, but ultimately wasn't able to extend its lead before the referee blew the whistle for the break.

Momentum began to swing towards Tulsa Roughnecks in the second half, but the Monarchs defense stood strong, keeping Roughnecks FC to just one shot on target throughout the night. Blake extended the Monarchs lead with a freekick that beat out Roughnecks goalkeeper Sean Lewis before Chang tied up the race for the Monarchs Golden Boot with his ninth goal of the season. Ryden put away a deflected ball of his own with a headed effort to help secure the Monarchs win. Tulsa Roughnecks FC took the last goal of the night after Tobenna Uzo snuck in a shot from a cross in second-half stoppage time.

## **STEVE JASSO HIGHLIGHTED ON WEEK 22 TEAM OF THE WEEK**

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## **RECAP: SLC 1-0 COS**

**Real Monarchs SLC (9-7-4, 31 points)** fell by a 3-1 result against San Antonio FC at Toyota Field on Saturday, ending its undefeated streak at six matches. FW Damian German tallied his first professional goal to put away the game-winner late in the second half. GK Andrew Putna registered his third clean sheet of the season and the sixth for the Monarchs in 2019.

The Monarchs dominated the first half of the game, knocking on the door of the Switchbacks FC goal. MF Luis Palma and FW Luis Arriaga took control quickly, putting Colorado's goalkeeper Abraham Rodrigues to the test and hitting the woodwork multiple times in the first half. Colorado nearly notched a goal in the first, after midfielder Shane Malcom got in a dangerous spot, but a perfect sliding tackle by MF Luke Mulholland within the penalty area kept the score clean going into the halftime break.

The pressure from Real Monarchs in the second half as the side continue to put a stop to the Switchbacks offense to test the Switchbacks FC backline. It was German who found the game-winner, being in the right spot to meet the end of a cross from FW Julian Vazquez to head home his first professional goal to secure the three points.

## **RECAP: SLC 1-3 SAFC**

**Real Monarchs SLC (8-7-4, 28 points)** fell by a 3-1 result against San Antonio FC at Toyota Field on Saturday, ending its undefeated streak at six matches. MF Luis Palma found the lone goal for the Monarchs on the night while GK David Ochoa helped limit the damage by registering five saves.

In a dramatic first half, SAFC was able to get on the board early through striker Brian Gomez and picked up a second in the 31<sup>st</sup> minute that Ochoa was able to get a touch to, but ultimately was not enough. In the 42<sup>nd</sup> minute, Real Monarchs went down a man after FW Lionel Etoundi was shown red for a late tackle. Despite the man advantage, some bad communication between the backline of SAFC provided Palma with the opportunity to cut one back on an open goal.

As the Monarchs moved into the second half, it controlled the majority of the match despite being down man. Throughout the half, the Monarchs put 10 shots towards goal. MFs Jack Blake, Maikel Chang and Palma each continued to force the SAFC goalkeeper into coming up big with shots that would put him to the test. The match was put to rest however, as San Antonio found a third goal.

## **RECAP: SLC 0-0 ELP**

**Real Monarchs SLC (8-6-4, 28 points)** played El Paso Locomotive FC to another scoreless draw in its first visit to Southwest University Park on Saturday. GK Andrew Putna made four saves throughout the night to earn the third consecutive clean sheet for the Monarchs.

The opening minutes saw El Paso Locomotive FC take control and put the Real Monarchs defense on its heels. With three corners within the first 15 minutes, El Paso nearly found the opening goal through striker Richie Ryan, whose headed effort was denied easily by Putna. The Monarchs started to find its rhythm in the later part of the half with good build up play that provided FW Lionel Etoundi with a strong opportunity that was just shut out by an El Paso defender.

After the break, El Paso resumed its heavy attack and saw the Monarchs backline do well to save off the attack as DF Stanley Okumu acted as a thorn in the side of the Locos offense. The Monarchs began generating opportunities after the 70<sup>th</sup> minute as FW Kyle Coffee was able to get in behind in the penalty area but was brought down. Monarchs players called for a penalty but it was waved off by referee Calin Radosav. MF Jack Blake found another chance for an opening goal, but his shot just took a miss touch on the ball to send it over. Ultimately neither side found the edge as the match ended without a goal to show.

## **DOUGLAS MARTINEZ NAMED WEEK 19 PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

After a powerful performance over Tacoma Defiance, FW Douglas Martinez was voted as USL Championship's Player of the Week for Week 19. During Saturday night's contest, Martinez recorded the first club hatrick and helped lead Real Monarchs to its fifth consecutive victory and pushing his team-leading goal-scoring account to nine.

## **REAL MONARCHS TROUNCES TACOMA DEFIANCE**

**Real Monarchs SLC (8-6-3, 27 points)** claimed an emphatic 5-0 victory over the Tacoma Defiance at Zions Bank Stadium on Friday night, extending its win streak to five for its second consecutive shutout.

FW Douglas Martinez recorded the club's first-ever hatrick while MF Jack Blake made his return from injury with a goal and FW Maikel Chang notched his eight goal of the year in the win. GK Andrew Putna secured the shutout in goal for the Monarchs. The Monarchs took control of the match quickly, burying its first goal in the 8<sup>th</sup> minute as Chang sent a shot that rebounded off the underside of the crossbar and over the goal line. Real Monarchs continued to be a threat to Tacoma over the first half as the Utah side opened spaces and fired shots that went just wide. The aggressive pressure paid off as DF Stanley Okumu lobbed a ball from the backline to Martinez who used his speed to get around the Tacoma defense and bury and opportunity into the far post.

Real Monarchs didn't slow down after the break as Martinez rifled a one touch shot in the 67<sup>th</sup> minute into the net, followed by a thunderous shot in the 76<sup>th</sup> minute to complete the hatrick. Blake made his triumphant reentr to the pitch after 11 weeks away due to an injury and made his captain's contribution by putting the final stamp on the victory, scoring the team's fifth goal of the evening to finalize the scoring at 5-0.

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## **RECAP: SLC 1-0 NMU**

**Real Monarchs SLC (7-6-3, 24 points)** earned its fourth straight win after picking a 1-0 win over Four-Corners Cup rival, New Mexico United on Saturday night. FW Maikel Chang converted a penalty kick for the contest's lone goal to secure the three points in Herriman.

In a quiet first half, the Monarchs and New Mexico United traded possession and applied pressure around one another's goals. The Monarchs got its first strong opportunity early on when a cross into the middle was nearly met by a leaping FW Douglas Martinez, but NM Defender Justin Schmidt got a clearance in just in time. Martinez nearly put the ball into the top of the net again in the 30<sup>th</sup> minute, however his misplaced shot sent the ball just over the goal. DF Kalen Ryden rounded out the first half with a headed effort of his own just before the halftime whistle, but his shot rebounded off the crossbar for a scoreless first half.

The match got heated after the break, as both sides continued to fight for supremacy, but after Martinez was brought down in the penalty area in the 58<sup>th</sup> minute, Chang coolly converted the kick to take the lead. New Mexico United responded with pressure that put GK David Ochoa and the Monarchs backline to the test, but the Utah side withstood the pressure and ultimately shut out its Four-Corner rivals.

## **REAL MONARCHS SLC NAMES JAMISON OLAVE INTERIM HEAD COACH**

**Real Monarchs SLC** announced on Monday that Head Coach Martin Vasquez has left his position. During the process of hiring the next head coach, Real Monarchs Assistant Coach Jamison Olave will serve as Interim Head Coach.

"We want to thank Martin for his years of service to the club. He was integral in building our Academy at Casa Grande, helping to design our ongoing development program and in assisting in the fundamental integration from the Academy, through the Monarchs and up to the first team.," RSL Executive Vice President of Soccer Operations Rob Zarkos said. "We wish Martin and his family nothing but success in their future endeavors."

Joining the RSL Academy prior to the 2011 U.S. Soccer Development Academy season, the list of players that have found success in the professional and international ranks after working through the RSL Academy includes current Mexican National Team center back Carlos Salcedo and the slew of RSL players that have represented the U.S. at the FIFA U-20 World Cup, from Jordan Allen in 2015 to the five players donning the Stars-and-Stripes in 2017 – Danilo Acosta, Justen Glad, Aaron Herrera, Brooks Lennon and Sebastian Saucedo. Three more RSL Academy products represented the U.S. in 2019, with RSL goalkeeper David Ochoa being joined by Sebastian Soto and Richie Ledezma.

"Thank you RSL family. This has been an amazing journey. I am very grateful for the opportunity.," said Martin Vasquez. "I believe in Mr. Hansen's vision of the club. Thank you to the players for their As One team belief. Their hard work has paid off, the RSL program is one of the top academies in the U.S. Thank you, Monarchs coaches and players. All the best throughout the rest of the season, remember 'it's not how you start, it's how you finish.' Thank you Mike Petke for your true support. You and your staff are doing a great job leading this Club. Keep it going. Thank you RSL Organization. I'm grateful for the amazing memories. At this time in my life, I'm going to focus on my family!"

The rest of the Monarchs technical staff will remain intact.

## **RECAP: SLC 3-1 TUL**

**Real Monarchs SLC (6-6-3, 21 points)** picked up three points on the road with a 3-1 win over Tulsa Roughnecks FC on Saturday night. DF Konrad Plewa, MF Masta Kacher and FW Douglas Martinez tallied goals in the victory.

The contest started quickly as Tulsa Roughnecks FC picked up an early goal in the 7<sup>th</sup> minute through Rodrigo Da Costa. The Monarchs mounted a response that nearly found a goal through MF Maikel Chang, whose close-range shot was barely saved by Tulsa goalkeeper Erik Dick. The equalizing goal came in the 17<sup>th</sup> minute when Kacher cleaned up a mess in front of the net then took the lead after Martinez flicked back a corner kick to the far post where Plewa snuck in a headed goal. The Monarchs defense went to work for the remainder of the first half, shutting down the Roughnecks offense to go into the break with a goal lead.

Real Monarchs continued to hold its momentum early in the second half. The offensive pressure paid off quickly as MF Josh Heard laid off the ball to Martinez, who fired a shot into the bottom corner of the near post. The match slowed down as the Monarchs packed in defensively to limit the Roughnecks attack to only two shots on goal and come away with the three points at ONEOK Field on the night.

## **POWDER EARNS TEAM OF THE WEEK FOR WEEK 16**

DF Noah Powder marked an appearance on the Team of the Week for Week 16 after his performance against Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC. Powder helped keep a tight Monarchs defense to limit Switchbacks FC to just two shots on target and with only one goal to show for the night. With four tackles, four clearances, two interceptions and a duel success rate of 66%, Powder earned his spot on the shortlist.

## **REAL MONARCHS SECURES FIRST ROAD WIN**

**Real Monarchs SLC (5-6-3, 18 points)** earned its first road win of the season with a 2-1 scoreline on Saturday, as FW Kyle Coffee and MF Justin Portillo notched late goals to secure the win.

The Contest got off to a quiet start, as the two teams fought for supremacy over one another. MF Maikel Chang got the first opportunity in the 8<sup>th</sup> minute as he was able to get a latch on to a long ball over the top to get one-on-one against COS goalkeeper Andre Rawls. The Monarchs held on to control throughout the rest of the first and MF Masta Kacher fired another chance for the Monarchs that rebounded off the crossbar to head into the break without either side finding the advantage.

In the second half, MF Josh Heard nearly got a chance of his own as he slipped through the gaps in the Switchbacks FC defense to get to another one-on-one opportunity, but Rawls once again answered by running out to cut out the attack early. Switchbacks FC striker Mike Seth found the first goal of the game as he made a turn in the middle of the box and took a shot that flew past GK Alex Horwath.

Coffee answered back in the 81<sup>st</sup> minute, however, as his shot deflected off a defender's foot sending it up and over the Switchbacks FC goalkeeper for the equalizer. To end the night and steal the lead from Colorado late in the game, Portillo stepped up to take a freekick that he perfectly placed in the far top corner to give the Monarchs its first win on the road on the year.

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## **MARTINEZ MAKES WEEK 14 TEAM OF THE WEEK**

After a dominating performance over Rio Grande Valley FC, FW Douglas Martinez earned his second appearance on the Team of the Week in the 2019 USL Championship season. On the night, Martinez lead the Monarchs attack with two goals and an assist to help push Real Monarchs in securing the full three points at Zions Bank Stadium.

## **REAL MONARCHS SNAP WINLESS SKID**

**Real Monarchs SLC (4-6-3, 15 points)** snapped its winless skid with a thrilling 5-3 victory over Rio Grande Valley FC on Saturday night at Zions Bank Stadium. The Monarchs were led by two goals from FW Douglas Martinez and goals from MFs Josh Heard, Maikel Chang, and DF Noah Powder.

The Monarchs opened up the night with a dominating first half that saw the home side pick up three goals before the half-time whistle. Martinez tallied the first in the 13<sup>th</sup> minute after grabbing the long ball from MF Ricardo Ávila chipping it over RGV goalkeeper Michael Nelson. Heard doubled the lead moments later after redirecting a headed effort from Martinez and Chang rifled a shot from distance less than a minute later to give the Monarchs a three-goal lead.

RGV came out of the locker room flying, finding a goal in the 60<sup>th</sup> minute through Michael Salazar who headed in at the back post. In the 76<sup>th</sup> minute, Martinez notched his second goal of the night when he fired home from close range. RGV cut the lead in half with another header at the back post from Carlos Small in the 83<sup>rd</sup> minute. Noah Powder answered the RGV goals with a world-class freekick that curved into the top corner of the near post. RGV fought toward the end however, putting the ball in from close range to see the match end 5-3.

## **RECAP: SLC 1-2 PHX**

**Real Monarchs SLC (3-6-3, 12 points)** saw its winless skid continue after falling 2-1 against Portland Timbers 2 on Wednesday at Providence Park. The result leaves the Monarchs without a win on the road so far in the 2019 season.

The match-up started with strong back-and-forth throughout the first half as each side fought for supremacy over one another. DF Konrad Plewa nearly put the Monarchs on the board early as his headed effort barely missed the mark following a corner. Plewa came up big again to cut out a Portland opportunity in front of an open net. The first half ended with FW Douglas Martinez expertly slotted away a shot into the far corner pocket.

Portland Timbers 2 responded with a second-half rally, slipping in a goal in the 63<sup>rd</sup> minute before converting a freekick outside the 18-yard-line to take the lead. Throughout the last 10 minutes of the match, the Monarchs began swinging momentum in its favor, but was ultimately shut out by the Timbers 2 defense.

## **RECAP: SLC 2-4 PHX**

**Real Monarchs SLC (3-5-3, 12 points)** fell in its second match of the Four-Corners Cup to a 4-2 result against Phoenix Rising FC on Saturday. DF Marcelo Silva and FW Douglas Martinez tallied the two Monarchs goals. Silva along with RSL men DFs Erik Holt, Brooks Lennon and GK Andrew Putna each made appearances in the Starting XI.

The Monarchs started the match quickly as Silva opened the scoring in the 10<sup>th</sup> minute with a headed effort and Martinez tallied the second for the

Monarchs shortly after with a jumping tap from the inside of his right foot. Before the end of the first half, Phoenix Rising responded quickly through Adam Jahn and Jon Bakero to end the first 45 minutes level.

The second half saw Phoenix Rising FC fall into its rhythm as it was able to put a stop to an aggressive Monarchs offense. Phoenix picked up its third goal early in the second half with a quick passing combination and Solomon Asante tallied the fourth and final goal for the visitors with a rifled shot from the top of the box to end the match.

## **REAL MONARCHS STEAL POINT AT THE DEATH**

**Real Monarchs SLC (3-4-3, 12 points)** picked up a hard-fought point on the road against OKC Energy FC on Saturday as FW Tate Schmitt put away a last-second goal to equal out the scoring.

The Monarchs controlled the opening minutes of the match, applying pressure around the OKC net and putting its defense to the test. Throughout its possession, the Monarchs took multiple shots towards goal, including a run from MF Josh Heard, who sent a low cross to Schmitt but was blocked out by the OKC defense. The first half closed out with another opportunity from Schmitt who put away a headed effort but was flagged offside to go into the break level.

The match-up slowed down in the early goings of the second half but as the game opened up, each team found opportunities towards goal. DF Noah Powder had the first chance for the monarchs as his headed effort towards goal floated just wide of the near post. It was Energy FC that got on the board first however as late in the second half, Cordell Cato took a chip over GK Andrew Putna that looked to be the deciding goal.

The Monarchs pressed in the dying moments of the match, and it looked as though OKC Energy FC would walk away with the full three points, but after Schmitt cleaned up the deflected shot after his header was blocked by Cody Laurendi, the Monarchs picked up its first ever point at Taft Stadium.

## **RECAP: SLC 2-4 FRS**

**Real Monarchs SLC (3-4-2, 11 points)** fell for the first time at home in the 2019 season 4-2 to Fresno FC on Saturday afternoon. MFs Maikel Chang and Josh Heard both tallied goals on the day, but a late surge from the Foxes down the Monarchs in Herriman.

Chang put the Monarchs up on the score board early in the first half as MF Andrew Brody took a strong run down the side of the pitch that ended through Chang's redirected shot at the top of the penalty box. Fresno responded quickly after the Foxes earned a freekick near the end line that was converted through a headed effort to end the second level with a goal apiece.

The Monarchs saw a rough second half as DF Kalen Ryden missed an unfortunate clearance that ended in the back the Monarchs goal to push Fresno into the lead. Fresno FC's Cristian Chaney put away his second goal with a quick tap from inside six yards. In the dying moments of the second half, Heard snuck in a clever backheel to pull one back for the Monarchs, sparking to life the Monarchs attack and they began taking quick chances towards goal.

The match was put to rest however, as Fresno FC tallied is fourth in the afternoon to close out the match with a 4-2 score line in favor of the visitors.

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## **MONARCHS FALL IN AUSTIN, 2-3**

**Real Monarchs SLC (3-2-2, 11 points)** fell in its first trip to the Texas Capitol, dropping a 3-2 result to Austin Bold FC on Saturday night. MF Tate Schmitt picked up his first professional goal while FW Douglas Martinez tallied his first Monarchs goal.

The first half saw Austin Bold notching two early goals inside 12 minutes to get a quick lead. The Monarchs would cut the lead in half in the 19<sup>th</sup> minute as Schmitt picked up his first professional goal with a volley. Just before the half, Austin Bold FC would reclaim its two-goal lead, but picking up a red card after a bad tackle on Jack Blake.

Real Monarchs found a single goal through several chances in the second half via Martinez, who picked up his first in the Monarchs jersey with a simple tap in. Real Salt Lake GK Alex Horwath made an appearance after suffering a season ending injury last April, playing the full 90 minutes while FW Luis Arriaga made an appearance after subbing in during the 84<sup>th</sup> minute.

## **RECAP: SLC 3-2 SA**

**Real Monarchs SLC (3-2-2, 11 points)** claimed a 3-2 victory over San Antonio FC Saturday evening at **Zions Bank Stadium**, seeing the Utah club claim its first victory over SAFC since 2016.

The Monarchs triumphed over San Antonio FC courtesy of two penalty conversions from MFs Maikel Chang and Jack Blake as well as a game winning header from FW Kyle Coffee.

In a tale of two halves SAFC slotted away two early goals in the first half before the Monarchs responded with a barrage of chances towards the San Antonio FC net. The second half saw the Monarchs put away three unanswered goals. The first two came from the penalty spot as both Chang and Blake smoothly converted two penalties to level out the scoring. The game winner came from Coffee, who picked up his first goal with a headed effort at the far post.

The Monarchs remain undefeated at home with its win over San Antonio FC, moving to a record of 3-0-1 so far in 2019.

## **RECAP: NMU 5-1 SLC**

**Real Monarchs SLC (2-2-2, 8 points)** fell to USL Championship newcomers New Mexico United in its first visit to Isotopes Park to a 5-1 score line on Saturday night. The lone Monarchs goal came through team captain MF Jack Blake early in the first half.

The match started in a strong Monarchs showing, with the Utah side claiming most of the possession in the early goings. The possession paid off through Blake as he slotted home the opening goal from a poor clearance to put the Monarchs on the board early on. New Mexico United's Santi Moar took control for the remainder of the first half, slipping through the gaps in the Monarchs defense to earn a hatrick in the first 45 minutes.

The second half saw a stronger fight from the Real Monarchs, as FW Kyle Coffee had two excellent chances towards goal after subbing on in the 61<sup>st</sup> minute. The First came just minutes after coming on the field as he turned in the center of the penalty area to fire a shot, but was denied by goalkeeper Cody Mizell. Coffee rifled his second opportunity in the 74<sup>th</sup> minute but found the near post. However, New Mexico United found its fifth goal in the dying moments of the second half to seal away the 5-1 result.

## **MARTINEZ EARNS TEAM OF THE WEEK HONORS**

Douglas Martinez capped his first appearance of the season the USL Championship's Team of the Week, after contributing two assists in the Monarchs 3-1 victory over Reno 1868 FC. In his first year with the club, Martinez has displayed a work ethic on the pitch that has not gone unnoticed, worthy of a cap on the Team of the Week.

## **REVENGE OVER RENO**

**Real Monarchs SLC (2-1-2, 8 points)** claimed its second consecutive home victory on Saturday afternoon, topping Reno 1868 FC 3-1. FW **Joao Plata** and MFs **Maikel Chang** and **Jack Blake** each found the back of the net in the win.

The Monarchs started the match with a powerful display as GK **David Ochoa** made his mark on the match right away, saving Corey Herzog's penalty with ease, setting up the momentum for the Monarchs to attack just minutes later through Chang, who drove home the first goal to the far post. The Monarchs attack continued its push early on as some quick and creative passing within the attacking third set Plata up to fly one into the left corner and double the Monarchs lead. Ochoa closed out the first half with a fingertip save to keep the Monarchs up by two going into the break.

The Monarchs opened up the second with the same fire that dominated the first, as Blake slipped the third goal in past Reno goalkeeper James Marcinkowski. In the dying moments, 1868 FC shifted gears, pulling one back through a volley from Aiden Apodaca, but it was not enough to stop the Monarchs, as the home side walked away with the three points. Additionally, FW **Kyle Coffee** entered in the second half of play, making his professional debut.

## **RECAP: LV 1-0 SLC**

**Real Monarchs SLC (1-1-2, 5 points)** fell to its I-15 rival Las Vegas Lights FC 1-0, in a heated affair at Cashman Field.

A bench clearing scuffle rounded out the first half, Lights FC fired into the second half picking up the goal that made the difference with a header through Alex Harlley. The Monarchs nearly found the equalizer through MFs Jack Blake and Maikel Chang, but ultimately the Utah side wasn't able to find the back of the net. The early quarter of the match saw each team testing one another as they looked to fall into the rhythm of the match. Lights FC found the opportunities early but were denied by GK David Ochoa, who kept things level through the first half. Blake nearly found the opening goal as he fired a shot through traffic just outside the penalty area, but Lights FC goalkeeper Thomas Olsen dove to put a stop to it.

Las Vegas Lights FC came out aggressively in the early goings of the second half, putting heavy pressure on in the Monarchs defensive third. The attack resulted in the corner that Irvin Parra served to Harlley, who flicked the header into the far post to put Vegas on the board.

Real Monarchs fought for the full 90 minutes searching for the equalizer that wasn't meant to be, as Blake rifled a shot that went over the crossbar and Chang fought in the box but was cut short in the box.

## **CHANG MAKES TEAM OF THE WEEK**

With a two-goal and one assist performance against Los Dos last Saturday, Chang earned his first nod on the USL Championship's Team of the Week. Chang has been a mainstay on the wing for the Monarchs in 2018 and has stepped into a leadership role in his second year with the club. His performance against Los Dos put any and all doubt that his inclusion on

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the Team of the Week was worth the nod.

## **RECAP: MONARCHS TROUNCE LOS DOS 5-0**

**Real Monarchs SLC (1-0-2, 5 points)** earned its first win under Head Coach Martin Vasquez, with a dominate 5-0 showing over LA Galaxy II on Saturday afternoon. MFs Ricardo Avila and Maikel Chang, FW Lionel Abate Etoundi, and DF Steve Jasso all found the back of the net, while the Monarchs backline earned its second consecutive clean sheet. Jasso and Midfielder Jordan Pena added their names to the list of Monarchs to debut this season in the victory.

The start of the match saw each team on level footing as they fought to fall in to rhythm, each taking turns with possession. The Monarchs struck first in the 25<sup>th</sup> minute through Avila, after a corner kick left the ball at his feet which he rifled to the back net

The second half saw Los Dos come out of the gates swinging, but the Monarchs defense was able to keep the offense at bay. The remainder of the match was the Monarchs show as Chang picked up back-to-back goals for the brace and Etoundi and Jasso both scored within minutes of coming onto the field.

The Monarchs ran rampant after LA Galaxy II earned a red card in the 72<sup>nd</sup> minute, ushering four unanswered goals in the second half to solidify the 5-0 win at Zions Bank Stadium.

## **A SCORELESS HOME OPENER**

**Real Monarchs SLC (0-0-2, 2 points)** opened the home portion of the 2019 season with a 0-0 draw against El Paso Locomotive FC on Saturday afternoon.

The match saw both sides trade possession through the middle of the park in the early going as each team sought its rhythm in the game. The first strong opportunity for the Monarchs came early on in the first half, as MF **Maikel Chang** took a free kick that clanked the upright of the goal before landing near FW **Tate Schmitt**, whose attempt to sneak in the first goal ended just over the bar. The Monarchs were forced to play the remainder of the match a man down after DF **Kalen Ryden** earned a red card in the 32<sup>nd</sup> minute.

Down a man, the Monarchs brought a fight to El Paso, playing pact defensively and finding opportunities to apply pressure around the El Paso box. GK **David Ochoa** put stops to the Locos attack, making a massive nine saves throughout the match to hold the clean sheet. On the attacking front, MF **Ricardo Avila** found an opportunity in the second half, rifling a shot that looked destined for the opening goal, but was barely denied by El Paso goalkeeper, Logan Ketterer. Neither side was able to find a winner as the match ended scoreless, seeing the Monarchs earn a second consecutive tie to begin 2019.

## **RECAP: SAC 1-1 SLC**

**Real Monarchs SLC (0-0-1, 1 point)** kicked off its fifth campaign in the USL Championship against Sacramento Republic FC, playing to a 1-1 draw at Papa Murphy's Park. The Monarchs found its goal through MF **Jack Blake** who also wore the captain's armband for the first time.

GK **David Ochoa** came up big throughout the match, making four saves to keep a high-pressure Sacramento team at bay.

The Monarchs defense was put to the test through much of the first half, as the Indomitable Club began strong. Early in the first half, Sacramento forward Stefano Bonomo found a break away, getting through the Salt Lake backline with a pass to Villyan Bijev, which 17-year-old 'keeper David Ochoa met to

keep out of the net. Blake opened up the scoring for the Monarchs in 2019, after a miss timed tackle at the top of the penalty area earned him a penalty kick, which he coolly converted by tucking it into the bottom right corner.

The second half saw the Monarchs kick off strong keeping momentum it found at the end of the first half. FW **Lionel Abate Etoundi** nearly doubled the lead in the 78<sup>th</sup> minute using quick speed to get one-on-one with Josh Cohen who came up big to deny the goal. The pendulum begun to swing the other way in the dying moments of the game, allowing Republic FC to take advantage and pick up the equalizer after Sam Werner made his quick run down the right side of the pitch, finding Charalampos Chantzpolous in the center of the box. Chantzpolous snuck one in to ultimately end the game level at 1-1.

## **2019 PRESEASON**

Real Monarchs kicked off its 2019 preseason by announcing it would be hosting the first-ever all-USL Championship tournament – **The Wasatch Winter Cup** – with regional rivals Reno 1868 FC and Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC at the **Zions Bank Real Academy** in Herriman, Utah.

The Monarchs and Reno 1868 opened up the Wasatch Winter Cup on February 15 in a match that saw the home side fall 4-0 as Reno's heavy pressure and pacing saw the better of the young Monarchs side, earning the preseason shut out. The opening match saw many new faces for the Monarchs, many of which came from the RSL Academy – which Head Coach **Martin Vasquez** headed prior to his move to the Monarchs – including **Steve Jasso**, **Noah Beck** and **Jordan Pena**, all of whom made the starting lineup.

The preseason tournament came to close on February 21, as Real Monarchs and Switchbacks FC played to a 2-2 draw, playing in an evenly contested match that saw each team trading goals. The Monarchs drew level through **Lionel Abate Etoundi** after he found himself 1-on-1 with the goalkeeper in the 31<sup>st</sup> minute and chipped it over for the first Monarchs goal. **Andrew Brody** picked up the second Monarchs goal, ultimately bring the match level, as he was able to pick up a deflected ball at the top of the Switchbacks penalty area, and sending it into the far-left corner.

Between the two matches in the Wasatch Winter Cup, the Monarchs played a friendly match with Utah Valley University, which saw the USL side shut out UVU, 4-0. The first half was largely dominated by the Real Monarchs as **Maikel Chang** grabbed an early goal after meeting a one-time volley while three minutes later **Jack Blake** easily slipped the ball through the net in a 1-on-1 opportunity. **Lionel Abate Etoundi** rounded out the first half with an easy close range 35<sup>th</sup> minute goal. After the break, the Monarchs went down a man after **Noah Powder** received a red card for a bad foul, but was still able to earn the shutout and an additional goal through a trialist in the 72<sup>nd</sup> minute.

The 2019 preseason came to a close with a trip to California as the Real Monarchs played one last preseason match against LA Galaxy II on March 2.

## **MARTIN VASQUEZ NAMED REAL MONARCHS HEAD COACH**

**Real Monarchs SLC** announced **Martin Vasquez** as its new Head Coach in January ahead of the 2019 USL Championship Season. Vasquez becomes the fourth head coach in club history, ushering in a new era for Real Monarchs.

Since retiring as a player in 1999, Vasquez's coaching career has included stops with the LA Galaxy, Chivas USA, Bayern Munich and the U.S. Men's National Team. He served as an assistant coach at each stop until making his head coaching debut with Chivas USA for the 2010 season. After his tenure with Chivas USA, Vasquez took the helm of the RSL Academy, bring with him everything he had learned from the coaches he found mentors in through his illustrious career. Since then, Vasquez has helped usher in the development

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of an extensive list of talented players that have gone on to find success with their professional careers in both domestic and foreign leagues.

RSL players such as 2018 Rookie of the year **Corey Baird**, **Justen Glad**, **Aaron Herrera**, **Brooks Lennon**, and **Sebastian Saucedo** have learned from Vasquez and his time at the RSL Academy – all of which have spent time with Real Monarchs.

Vasquez will continue to be a vital component in the development of talented young players as he moves to head coach as for Real Monarchs, having already solidifying his place as one of the finest player development coaches in the American game.

## **NEW ACADEMY FACES IN 2019**

The off-season leading into the 2019 season saw a slew of new signings for Real Monarchs to bolster its roster for its fifth campaign in the USL Championship. Notably among those signings are the ones that come from RSL's very own academy. Among the veteran signings of Panama national **Ricardo Avila** and USL Cup winner **Noah Powder**, the Monarchs made three signings from the Academy in the forms of DF **Steve Jasso**, MF **Jordan Pena** and MF **Damian German**.

Steve Jasso comes directly from the RSL Academy, having played as a mainstay in the U-19s this season playing in 14 matches for the Academy. In the last season the Sandy, Utah native played in 30 matches while scoring a single goal in each of his last two seasons. Jasso joined the RSL Academy in 2016 and featured for the U-17s on 35 occasions, totaling two goals.

Jordan Pena has featured in 15 matches this season for the RSL Academy U-19 side, making 13 starts. In 2018, Pena played in seven matches for the U-19s where he scored three goals. Pena comes from Payson, Utah and joined the RSL Academy in 2015. He was featured in the U-17s for two seasons before joining the U-19 contingent.

Damian German was the first player to be inked under the Monarchs banner in the off-season. The 22-year-old midfielder played in the RSL Academy where, as a senior, he tallied 31 in goals within 40 matches, earning the honor as the U.S. Soccer Development Academy's leading scorer. After his first tenure with the club, German went on to play for Grand Canyon University and San Diego State University, earning 11 goals in 53 appearances and 5 goals in 18 appearances respectively.

Avila, Powder, and the young RSL Academy products join the Real Monarchs along with **Lionel Abate Etoundi**, **Douglas Martinez**, **Todd Morton**, **Evan Finney**, **Kyle Coffee**, and **Sam Brown** as the new faces on the Monarchs roster in the 2019 USL Championship season.

## **REAL MONARCHS BEGIN FIFTH CAMPAIGN**

Real Monarchs SLC looks ahead as it starts its fifth campaign in the USL Championship. The campaign will begin on Saturday March 9 and will see the club play 34 matches across 33 weeks before concluding on Sunday, October 20. All matches will be broadcasted live on ESPN+

The club will host all 17 home matches at **Zions Bank Stadium** where the Monarchs earned a league-best 13-2-2 (41 points) record in 2018. The Monarchs will see zero Sunday home contests in 2019 with the majority home matches being played on Saturdays with the option to move matches to avoid match day conflicts with Real Salt Lake and Utah Royals FC. The Monarchs will face each in the Western Conference in a home-and-home series. No matches will be played against Eastern Conference opposition.

For the third consecutive season, the Utah club opens the season away from home, visiting Sacramento Republic FC on March 9 in a battle between two of the West's marquee sides. The Monarchs begins its home slate on March

sees three of its following five matches held at home with an away match against I-15/"Saint-and-Sinners" rival Las Vegas Lights FC on March 30, wedged between home matches against LA Galaxy II on March 23 and Reno 1868 FC on April 6 prior to welcoming San Antonio FC on April 20.

Real Monarchs pays its first visit to expansion side New Mexico United at Isotopes Park on April 13 before meeting Austin Bold FC at Bold Stadium on April 26.

The Utah side will see its lone three-match road stretch of the season on June 12-29 where it visits Tacoma Defiance FC on June 12 and Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC on June 22, before ending the road stretch against Tulsa Roughnecks FC on June 29. The Monarchs opens July with two home matches against New Mexico on July 6 and Tacoma Defiance FC on July 13, the Monarchs commence its "Texas Two-Step Tour" beginning with its first-ever visit to El Paso on July 20 before a bout with San Antonio FC on July 27.

In the final three matches of the season, The Monarchs will meet the top-three playoff teams from 2018 when it hosts Orange County SC on October 9 before a penultimate visit to Western Conference Champion Phoenix Rising FC on October 12. The club will close the season against Sacramento Republic FC at Zions Bank Stadium on October 19.

Additionally, a new playoff format has been unveiled with the 2019 USL Cup Playoffs expanding to include 10 teams from each conference, with the lowest four seeds in each conference opening the postseason in the Play-In-Round, provisionally slated for Wednesday October 23 with the No. 7 seed hosting the No. 10 seed and the No. 8 seed hosting the No. 9 seed for a place in the Conference Quarterfinals.

The single-elimination format will then continue for the following four weekends in a fixed-bracket format with the higher seed in each matchup serving as host through the Eastern and Western Conference Finals. The 2019 USL Cup will be held between November 14-18, 2019 and be hosted by the conference champion with the better regular-season.



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**QUOTES: WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12**

**Forward Douglas Martinez**

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## 2019 REAL MONARCHS SLC ROSTER (as of August 28, 2019)

RED – New for 2019

### ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

#	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Hometown	College	Status
41	Lionel Abate Etoundi	FW	5-11	165	09/25/2000	--	--	
49	Ricardo Avila	MF	6-0	165	02/04/1997	Panama City, Panama	--	
48	Jack Blake	MF	5-11	174	09/22/1994	Nottingham, England	--	
54	Sam Brown	MF	5-11	155	02/10/1996	Ann Arbor, MI	Harvard	
64	Cristian Calix	MF	5-5	132	09/09/1999	Juticalpa, Honduras	--	
44	Maikel Chang	MF	5-9	167	04/18/1991	Havana, Cuba	--	
57	Kyle Coffee	FW	5-11	160	12/23/1995	Syracuse, UT	Washington	
61	Evan Finney	GK	6-2	175	12/09/1994	San Francisco, CA	Penn State	
46	Damian German	FW	5-9	155	06/17/1996	Phoenix, AZ	San Diego State	
63	Steve Jasso	DF	5-10	160	10/22/2000	Tucson, AZ	--	
42	Douglas Martinez	FW	6-0	132	06/05/1997	Olanchito, Honduras	--	
40	James Moberg	DF	6-0	188	04/16/1994	Windsor, CA	Washington	
59	Luis Palma	M/F	5-10	160	01/17/2000	La Ceiba, Honduras	--	
62	Jordan Pena	MF	5-7	149	05/21/2000	Payson, UT	--	
56	Konrad Plewa	DF	6-3	185	02/27/1992	Wallington, NJ	Seton Hall	
53	Noah Powder	DF	5-11	160	10/27/1998	Edison, New Jersey	--	
52	Kalen Ryden	DF	6-2	198	04/21/1991	Norman, OK	Oral Roberts/Midwestern	

### NUMERIC ROSTER AND PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

#	Player	Pos.	Pronunciation	Place of Birth	Last Club
40	James Moberg	MF		Modesto, CA	Univ. of Washington
41	Lionel Abate Etoundi	FW	EH-toon-dee	--	AS Fortuna (Cameroon)
42	Douglas Martinez	FW		Olanchito, Honduras	C.D.S. Vida (Honduras)
44	Maikel Chang	MF		Havana, Cuba	Charleston Battery (USL)
46	Damian German	FW	DAH-mian HER-mann	Phoenix Arizona	San Diego State University
48	Jack Blake	MF		Nottingham, England	Tampa Bay Rowdies
49	Ricardo Avila	MF	AV-ila	Panama City, Panama	CD Universitario (Panama)
52	Kalen Ryden	DF	RYE-den	Norman, OK	Jacksonville Armada (NASL)
53	Noah Powder	DF		Edison, New Jersey	Orange County SC (USL)
54	Sam Brown	MF		Ann Arbor, MI	Harvard University
56	Konrad Plewa	DF	PLEW - uh	Maniow, Poland	Saint Louis FC (USL)
57	Kyle Coffee	FW		Syracuse, UT	Univ. of Washington
59	Luis Palma	M/F		La Ceiba, Honduras	C.D.S. Vida (Honduras)
61	Evan Finney	GK		San Francisco, CA	Penn State University
62	Jordan Pena	MF		Payson, UT	RSL Academy
63	Steve Jasso	DF	YA-so	Tucson, AZ	RSL Academy
64	Cristian Calix	MF		Juticalpa, Honduras	Atlas (Mexico)

### REAL SALT LAKE INVITEES

#	Player	Pos.	Pronunciation	Place of Birth	Last Club
15	Justen Glad	DF		Pasadena, CA	---
51	Andrew Putna	GK		Lemont, IL	Real Monarchs (USL)
20	Erik Holt	DF		Overland Park, KS	Portland Timbers 2 (USL)
21	Tate Schmitt	FW		Phoenix, AZ	Univ. of Louisville (NCAA)
24	David Ochoa	GK		Oxnard, CA	RSL Academy
26	Luis Arriaga	MF	AREE-aga	Santa Rosa, CA	RSL Academy
43	Justin Portillo	MF		New Orleans, LA	Charleston Battery (USL)
1	Alex Horwath	GK		Woodbine, MD	SK Brann (Norway)
6	Kelyn Rowe	MF		Federal Way, WA	Sporting Kansas City (MLS)
19	Luke Mulolland	MF		Preston, England	Tampa Bay Rowdies (NASL)
12	Brooks Lennon	FW		Paradise Valley, AZ	Liverpool (EPL)

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## REAL SALT LAKE ACADEMY INVITEES

#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	D.O.B.	Hometown Year / Class (Coll. Commit)	INT'L
83	Chris Garcia	MF	5-8	150	1/01/2003	RSL Academy	
84	Christian Olivares	MF	5-10	160	1/01/2002	RSL Academy	

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**Owner:** Dell Loy Hansen (Logan, UT)  
**General Manager:** Craig Waibel (Spokane, WA)  
**Interim Head Coach:** Freddy Juarez (Las Cruces, NM)  
**Assistant Coach:** Tyrone Marshall (Kingston, Jamaica)  
**Assistant Coach:** Todd Hoffard (Lancaster, PA)  
**Video Analyst:** Ted Eck (Springfield, IL)  
**Sport Performance:** Henry Ruggiero (Stow, MA)  
Matt Howley (Melbourne, AUS)  
**VP/Administration:** Rob Zarkos (Bellevue, WA)  
**Asst. General Manager:** Elliot Fall (Salt Lake City, UT)  
**Head Scout:** Andy Williams (Kingston, Jamaica)  
**Team Administrator:** Tim Weaver (Lockport, NY)  
**Equipment Managers:** Alex Caparelli (Buenos Aires, ARG)  
**Head Athletic Trainer:** Theron Enns (San Diego, CA)  
**Asst. Athletic Trainer:** Tyler Knight (Huntsville, AL)

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REAL MONARCHS – ALL-TIME USL REGULAR-SEASON HISTORY (2015 – present)

thru 9/14/19

v.	OVERALL						HOME GAMES						ROAD GAMES						FORM GUIDE (reverse order)				
	GP	W-L-T	GF	GA	+	-	GP	W-L-T	GF	GA	+	-	GP	W-L-T	GF	GA	+	-	19	18	17	16	15
COS	14	6-7-1	17	18	-1		7	4-2-1	10	6	+4		7	2-5-0	7	12	-5		WW	LL	WWL	TLW	WLLL
PHX	13	6-6-1	18	19	-1		6	3-3-0	9	9	=		7	3-3-1	9	10	-1		L	WW	FWW	FWLL	WWL
SAC	12	5-2-5	14	9	+5		5	3-1-1	6	3	+3		7	2-1-4	8	6	+2		T	TW	WW	WLL	FTFW
POR	12	5-4-3	20	16	+4		6	4-0-2	15	6	+9		6	1-4-1	5	10	-5		WL	FW	FWW	WL	TLT
VAN	7	2-2-3	10	10	=		3	0-1-2	4	5	-1		4	2-1-1	6	5	+1				TW	LWP	TL
OC	10	3-6-1	10	16	-6		5	2-2-1	5	5	=		5	1-4-0	5	11	-6			LW	TW	LW	LL
SEA	10	7-2-1	24	10	+14		5	4-0-1	13	2	+11		5	3-2-0	11	8	+3		WW	WW	WW	TL	WL
LA	10	4-4-2	20	17	+3		6	3-1-1	14	5	+9		5	1-3-1	6	12	-6		LW	LW	WW	TL	LW
TUL	10	5-2-3	17	15	+2		5	2-0-3	9	5	+4		5	3-2-0	8	10	-2		WW	WW	TL	TW	TL
OKC	9	3-4-2	13	14	-1		4	3-0-1	9	4	+5		5	0-4-1	4	10	-6		TT	WL	FW	FW	WL
RGV	7	4-2-1	13	9	+4		4	3-1-0	9	5	+4		3	1-1-1	4	4	=		W	LW	WW	FW	FW
SWO	5	3-1-1	11	7	+4		3	3-0-0	7	2	+5		2	0-1-1	4	5	-1			FW	FW	FW	W
REN	6	5-1-0	15	9	+4		4	4-0-0	12	6	+6		2	1-1-0	3	3	=		W	WL	WWW		
ELP	2	0-0-2	0	0	=		1	0-0-1	0	0	0		1	0-0-1	0	0	=		TT				
SAN	7	2-4-1	12	14	-2		4	2-2-0	7	6	+1		3	0-2-1	5	9	-4		LW	LL	LW	W	
AUS	2	1-1-0	5	4	+1		1	1-0-0	3	1	+2		1	0-1-0	2	3	-1				WL		
STL	3	2-0-1	3	1	+2		2	1-0-1	2	1	+1		1	1-0-0							TW	W	
FRS	5	3-1-1	6	5	+1		3	2-1-0	4	4	=		2	1-0-1	2	1	+1		TL	WWW	LW	W	
LV	4	1-1-2	4	3	+1		1	0-0-2	2	2	=		2	1-1-0	2	1	+1		TL	WT			
TPA	1	0-1-0	0	2	-2								1	0-1-0	0	2	-2			L			
NMU	2	1-1-0	2	5	-3		1	1-0-0	1	0	+1		1	0-1-0	1	5	-4		LW				
ABF	1	0-1-0	2	3	-1								1	0-1-0	2	3	-1		L				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>68-53-30</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>+29</b>		<b>75</b>	<b>45-14-16</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>+64</b>		<b>75</b>	<b>23-39-14</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>-35</b>						<b>(ROAD)</b>

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ALL-TIME YEAR-BY-YEAR USL REGULAR-SEASON RECORD

Year	OVERALL						HOME GAMES						ROAD GAMES						Conf. Finish	Overall Shield	Postseason Result
	W	L	T	PTS	PPG	GF GA +/-	W	L	T	PPG	GF GA +/-	W	L	T	PPG	GF GA +/-					
2015	7-13-8	29	1.04	32	42	-10	6-3-5	1.64	17	12	+5	1-10-3	0.43	15	30	-15	West 12	21 <sup>st</sup> of 24	DNQ		
2016	10-14-6	36	1.20	31	41	-10	5-6-4	1.27	15	17	-2	5-8-2	1.13	16	24	-8	West 11	18 <sup>th</sup> of 29	DNQ		
2017	20-5-7	67	2.09	59	31	+28	12-1-3	2.44	35	14	+21	8-4-4	1.75	24	17	+7	West 1	1 <sup>st</sup> of 30	1 <sup>st</sup> Rd		
2018	19-12-3	60	1.76	55	47	+8	13-2-2	2.41	34	14	+20	6-10-1	1.12				West 4	6 <sup>th</sup> of 33	1 <sup>st</sup> Rd		
2019	12-9-7	43	1.53	59	46	+13	9-2-3	2.14	40	20	+20	3-7-4	0.92	19	26	-7					
TOT.	66-53-31	229	1.53	232	206	+26	43-14-17	1.97	140	77	+63	21-39-13	1.05	87	125	-40					

REAL MONARCHS ALL-TIME COACHING HISTORY

Year	Coach	Reg. Season				USL Cup Playoffs					USOC							
		W	L	T	PCT	PTS	W	L	T	PCT	OT	Sho	W	L	T	PCT	OT	Sho
2015	Freddy Juarez	7	13	8	.393	29							1	1	0	.500		
2016	Freddy Juarez	10	14	6	.433	36												
	TOTAL	17	27	14	.414	65							1	1	0	.500		
2017	Mike Petke	1	0	0	1.000	3												
2017	Mark Briggs	20	5	7	.724	67	0	1	0	.000			L, 1-3					
2018	Mark Briggs	8	2	1	0.750	25												
2018	Jamison Olave	11	12	2	0.440	35	0	1	0	.000								
2019	Martin Vasquez	6	6	3	0.400	21												
2019	Jamison Olave	6	3	4	0.462	22												

REAL MONARCHS – U.S. OPEN CUP HISTORY

vs. Team	GP	W-L-T	OT	Sho	GF	GA	Mtg.	Round	Series Note:
Long Island Rough Riders (PDL)	1	1-0-0		1	0	0	2015	Second Rd.	77' Velazco goal helps Osswald shutout stand on road
Colo. Springs Switchbacks (USL)	1	0-1-0		0	1	0	2015	Third Rd.	5' goal conceded, RM can't come back amidst lightning delay
TOTALS	2	1-1-0		1	1				

REAL MONARCHS – ALL-TIME USL CUP PLAYOFF HISTORY

YEAR	vs. Team	Series	W-L	GP	W-L-T	AET	Sho	GF	GA	Round	Series Result
2015											
2016											
2017	Sacramento Republic 1										West Quarterfinal
2018	Reno 1868 FC 1										West Quarterfinal
TOTALS		2	0-2	2	0-2-0		1-3	1	2		

REAL MONARCHS – ALL-TIME SEASON-ENDING AWARD WINNERS

YEAR	Team MVP	Golden Boot (G)	Def. Player of Year	Humanitarian	USL Honors
2015					
2016					
2017	Nick Besler	Chandler Hoffman (16)	Connor Sparrow		
2018	Justin Portillo	Chandler Hoffman (12)	Kalen Ryden		

2017	OPPONENT	RESULT	ATT.	W-L-T	RD.	NOTES:
10/20/2017	Sacramento Republic FC				WCQF	Fell 1-3 in PK's

## ALL-TIME REAL MONARCHS USL ATTENDANCE HISTORY (2015-present)

### USL REGULAR SEASON (2015-present)

OVERALL RECORD	GAMES	AT HOME		ON THE ROAD		HOME AVERAGE		RANK	LARGEST HOME CROWD
		TOTAL	AVERAGE	GAMES	TOTAL	AVERAGE	RANK		
2015 7-13-8	14	65,770	4,698	14	52,069	3,719	Xth	13,979	
2016 10-14-6	15*	37,919	2,528	15	xx,xxx	xx,xxx	Xth	5,182	
2017 20-5-7	16	41,235	2,577	16	50,xxx	18 <sup>th</sup>	Xth	8,402 (10/7/17. 1-1 T v. VAN)	
2018 19-12-3		27,155	1,774		x,xxx	Xth	Xth	x,xxx	
<b>2019 12-8-7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>27,691</b>	<b>1,978</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>58,875</b>	<b>4,205</b>			

\*11 games at Rio Tinto Stadium; 2 games at UVU's Clyde Field; 1 game at Univ. of Utah; 1 game at "neutral" Reno site

### 2019 REAL MONARCHS INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS (12-9-7, 43 pts.)

(USL reg. season games only) as of 09/18/19

UNF	POS	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	SHT	SOG	FC	FW	OFF	CK	YC	E	INT'L
26	FW	Luis Arriaga	14	9	902	0	4	7	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	
49	MF	Ricardo Avila	10	10	822	1	2	8	3	24	17	0	0	5	0	PAN
45	DF	Andrew Brody	15	15	1339	0	2	3	1	5	17	1	0	0	0	
54	MF	Sam Brown	2	1	112	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	
48	MF	Jack Blake	18	17	1522	8	0	54	18	22	30	0	0	6	0	SCOT
44	FW	Maikel Chang	28	25	2940	11	4	55	29	20	35	6	0	2	0	
57	FW	Kyle Coffee	16	4	531	4	0	15	7	9	13	0	0	0	0	
41	FW	Lionel Abate Etoundi	9	3	275	1	1	7	2	7	1	1	0	1	1	
15	DF	Justen Glad	1	1	59	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
46	FW	Damian German	8	2	240	2	0	3	2	6	3	0	0	1	0	
47	MF	Josh Heard	14	12	978	2	2	9	5	25	20	0	0	5	0	
20	DF	Erik Holt	12	12	1035	0	1	2	1	10	1	0	0	3	0	
63	DF	Steve Jasso	12	8	685	1	0	3	1	11	6	2	0	3	0	
55	MF	Masta Kacher	14	7	638	1	2	25	9	11	12	0	0	4	0	
42	FW	Douglas Martinez	20	20	1522	15	6	49	25	33	34	4	0	5	0	
40	DF	James Moberg	16	12	1092	0	2	5	4	16	8	0	0	3	0	
59	MF	Luis Palma	11	7	552	1	0	23	9	9	6	0	0	1	0	HON
62	MF	Jordan Pena	10	9	734	0	0	2	0	12	8	0	0	1	0	
10	FW	Joao Plata	1	1	59	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	ECU
56	DF	Konrad Plewa	15	12	1042	2	0	10	4	10	2	0	0	4	0	
43	MF	Justin Portillo	13	12	1125	2	1	7	4	15	8	2	0	3	0	
53	DF	Noah Powder`	24	24	2089	1	0	16	2	24	24	1	0	6	0	
6	MF	Pablo Ruiz	6	3	287	0	0	7	3	6	2	0	0	0	0	
52	DF	Kalen Ryden	19	19	1882	2	1	18	5	11	13	0	0	3	1	
60	DF	Stanley Okumu	10	8	716	0	1	3	1	4	6	0	0	1	0	KEN
21	FW	Tate Schmitt	10	10	743	2	0	11	2	8	6	3	0	0	0	
4	DF	Donny Toia	1	1	90	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
83	DF	Pierre Delentz	4	3	274	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	0	1	0	
30	DF	Marcelo Silva	1	1	90	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	
12	DF	Brooks Lennon	1	1	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
19	MF	Luke Mulholland	5	5	450	0	1	4	2	6	6	0	0	2	0	
27	MF	Julian Vázquez	8	3	311	0	1	10	2	3	7	0	0	0	0	
64	MF	Cristian Calix	6	1	80	1	0	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	
6	MF	Kelyn Rowe	1	1	90	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	
23	MF	Sebastián Saucedo	1	1	83	0	0	4	3	1	4	1	0	1	0	

### 2019 REAL MONARCHS INDIVIDUAL GOALKEEPING

#	POS	GOALKEEPER	GP	GS	MIN	SHTS	SV	GA	GAA	PG	PA	W	L	T	SO	INT'L
24	G	David Ochoa	14	14	1260	69	48	21	1.50	0	1	6	4	4	3	
61	G	Evan Finney	1	1	90	3	1	2	2.00	0	0	1	0	0	0	
1	G	Alex Horwath	3	3	270	14	8	6	2.00	0	0	1	2	0	0	
51	G	Andrew Putna	10	10	900	42	24	17	1.70	0	0	4	3	3	3	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>2520</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>1.46</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	
OPPONENT			28	28	2520	153	89	59	2.10	6	6	9	12	7	2	

### ALL-TIME REAL MONARCHS SLC INDIVIDUAL MISCELLANEOUS STATS

(active RMSLC players in **BOLD** - USL reg. season games only)

#### GAME-WINNING GOALS:

Chandler Hoffman 11, Sebastian Velasquez 5, **Maikel Chang 5**, Charlie Adams 3, **Nick Besler 2**, Juan Mare 2, **Kalen Ryden 2**, **Andrew Brody 2**, **Justin Portillo 2**, Kyle Curinga 1, Jose Hernandez 1, **James Moberg 1**, Richard Ledezma 1, Daniel Haber 1, **Ricardo Avila 1**, Masta Kacher 1, **Sebastian Saucedo 1**, **Joao Plata 1**, **Kyle Coffee 2**, **Douglas Martinez 2**, **Konrad Plewa 1**, **Damian German 2**

#### GAME-WINNING ASSISTS:

Charlie Adams 5, **Maikel Chang 5**, Chandler Hoffman 3, **Justin Portillo 3**, **Douglas Martinez 3**, Sebastian Velasquez 2, Juan Mare 1, Aaron Maund 1, Daniel Haber 1, Kyle Curinga 1, Reagan Dunk 1, Taylor Peay 1, Ricky Lopez-Espin 1, Josh Heard 1, **Adam Henley 1**, **James Moberg 1**, **Ricardo Ávila 1**, Masta Kacher 1, **Julian Vazquez 1**, **Luis Arriaga 1**

#### PENALTY KICK GOALS / ATTEMPTS:

Chandler Hoffman 7-8, Sebastian Velasquez 1-1, **Justin Portillo 1-1**, **Jack Blake 3-3**, **Maikel Chang 3-3**

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## 2019 ROSTER



**HENLEY**  
Adam



**TOIA**  
Donny



**RUIZ**  
Pablo



**BESLER**  
Nick



**MULHOLLAND**  
Luke



**HOLT**  
Erik



**SCHMITT**  
Tate



**SAUCEDO**  
Sebastian



**OCHOA**  
David



**ARRIAGA**  
Luis



**VAZQUEZ**  
Julian



**MOBERG**  
James



**ABATE ETOUNDI**  
Lionel



**MARTINEZ**  
Douglas



**PORTILLO**  
Justin



**CHANG**  
Maikel



**GERMAN**  
Damian



**BLAKE**  
Jack



**ÁVILA**  
Ricardo



**RYDEN**  
Kalen



**POWDER**  
Noah



**BROWN**  
Sam



**PLEWA**  
Konrad



**COFFEE**  
Kyle



**MORTON**  
Todd



**PALMA**  
Luis



**FINNEY**  
Evan



**JORDAN**  
Pena



**STEVE**  
Jasso



**CRISTIAN**  
Colix

## **2018 REAL MONARCHS SLC MINI-BIOS** *(as of March 23, 2019)*

### **FW LIONEL ABATE ETOUNDI #41**

Height: 5' 11"  
Weight: 165 lbs.  
Birth Date: September 25, 2000  
Birthplace: --  
College: --

#### **Professional Career**

Etoundi spent time with the Cameroon U-17s, U-20s and U-23s beginning in 2015. In 2018, Etoundi has spent most of his time on the international stage with the U-23 side where he has made the greatest impact for his country.

#### **SCOUTING REPORT:**

#### **PERSONAL:**

### **MF RICARDO ÁVILA #49**

Height: 6' 0"  
Weight: 165 lbs.  
Birth Date: February 04, 1997  
Birthplace: Panama City, Panama  
College: --

#### **Professional Career**

Ávila began his professional club career playing two seasons with Chorillo of Liga Panameña de Fútbol. The 22-year-old made 31 appearances across three seasons with the team, scoring five goals. After a short stint in Slovenia with FC Koper, Ávila made the move to Belgium where he featured for the KAA Gent reserve squad. Moving to CD Universitario prior to the 2018 season, Ávila played 362 minutes, making four starts during the season.

Aside from his club career, Ávila has earned experience on the international stage where he featured for Panama at the 2018 FIFA World Cup. During the World Cup, Ávila played 105 minutes including 78 minutes against Tunisia and 27 minutes against England. Prior to the 2018 World Cup, the young Panamanian played with the Panamanian U-20s where he has scored four goals.

#### **SCOUTING REPORT:**

#### **PERSONAL:**

### **MF JACK BLAKE #48**

Height: 5' 11"  
Weight: 174 lbs.  
Birth Date: September 22, 1995

Birthplace: Nottingham, England  
College: --

### **Professional Career**

Blake, 23, made six appearances – all starts – for the Rowdies in 2018, playing 501 minutes and scoring one goal while registering two assists. Prior to his time in St. Petersburg, Blake spent time with the Jacksonville Armada and Minnesota United of the NASL. Born in Nottingham, England, the midfielder has also spent time with the Scotland U-19s where he made five appearances.

**SCOUTING REPORT:** “Jack is a player we aggressively pursued in the past,” Egner said. “We continued to monitor him when he joined the Rowdies, and when the opportunity to bring him in came about, there was no way we were going to miss out. We expect him to come in and compete with the group we have and help us achieve our goal of winning the USL Cup. He’s accomplished quite a bit for someone his age, and we’re excited to see the things he’ll do in a Real Monarchs kit.”

### **PERSONAL:**

### ***MF SAM BROWN #54***

Height: 5' 11"  
Weight: 155 lbs.  
Birth Date: February 10, 1996  
Birthplace: Ann Arbor, Michigan  
College: Harvard University

### **Professional Career**

Brown spent four years at Harvard University where he started 61 of the 62 matches he appeared in during his time in crimson. The Ann Arbor, Michigan native contributed 12 assists in his time at Harvard, adding three goals to his name. During his senior season as co-captain at Harvard, Brown earned All-Ivy League honors, earning a spot on the honorable mention squad, his third All-Ivy League postseason selection. Brown was named the Ivy League Rookie of the Year in 2014-15.

Brown has previously spent time training with RSL and Real Monarchs.

### **SCOUTING REPORT:**

### **PERSONAL:**

### ***MF CRISTIAN CALIX #64***

Height: 5' 5"  
Weight: 132 lbs.  
Birth Date: September 9, 1999  
Birthplace: Juticalpa, Honduras  
College: Harvard University

### **Professional Career**

Calix, 19, spent the 2018 season with the Atlas in Mexico’s Liga MX U-20 where he registered 382 minutes in nine matches played, scoring one goal. Calix also featured for Honduras at the 2019 FIFA U-20 World Cup in Poland where he featured in two matches



**SCOUTING REPORT:**

**PERSONAL:**

***MF MAIKEL CHANG #44***

Height: 5' 9"  
Weight: 167 lbs.  
Birth Date: April 18, 1991  
Birthplace: Havana, Cuba  
College: --

**Professional Career**

**2017:** In his fourth season with the Charleston Battery he scored four goals and assisted 10 times in 2437 total minutes played – good for the second most minutes on the Battery roster. Chang made 28 starts in 2017 operating on the left side of the midfield.

**2016:** Featured in 31 games for the Charleston Battery making 30 starts, scoring six goals and adding six assists.

**2015:** Scored three goals and added five assists during his second season in Charleston.

**2014:** In 19 games played during his rookie season, Chang featured in 19 games scoring twice while adding a single assist.

**SCOUTING REPORT:** “a proven commodity in the USL, he is going to give you goals and assists every year... he’s a guy that fits in very well with the style of soccer we play and we expect him to be one of the best players in the league...”

**PERSONAL:** Enjoys playing video games when he’s not playing soccer ... enjoys fishing ... Cuban food is his favorite ... Parents are Ana and Hilda ... supports FC Barcelona of La Liga

***FW KYLE COFFEE #57***

Height: 5' 11"  
Weight: 160 lbs.  
Birth Date: December 23, 1995  
Birthplace: Syracuse, UT  
College: University of Washington

**Professional Career**

Utah native, Kyle Coffee, featured for Syracuse High School where he became the first-ever division one college player in his school’s history. Coffee has also featured for La Roca FC and the University of Washington where he made 74 appearances and 45 starts for the Huskies, scoring 15 goals and contributing 9 assists. The 23-year-old has previously spent time training with RSL and Real Monarchs.

**SCOUTING REPORT:**

**PERSONAL:**

***GK EVAN FINNEY #61***

Height: 6' 2"  
Weight: 175 lbs.  
Birth Date: December 9, 1994  
Birthplace: San Francisco, California  
College: Penn State University

### **Professional Career**

Finney spent his collegiate career at Penn State University where he was featured in 27 matches from 2015 to 2017. Finney made 100 saves in during his collegiate career, earning seven career shutouts for Nittany Lions.

### **SCOUTING REPORT:**

#### **PERSONAL:**

### ***FW DAMIAN GERMAN #46***

Height: 5' 9"  
Weight: 155 lbs.  
Birth Date: June 17, 1996  
Birthplace: Phoenix, Arizona  
College: San Diego State University

### **Professional Career**

In 2013, German arrived to the RSL Academy (AZ), helping RSL to the U-15/16 National Championship in the same year. As a senior at the RSL Academy, the 22-year-old Phoenix, Arizona native scored 31 goals in 40 matches, topping the charts as the U.S. Soccer Development Academy's leading scorer.

German then went on to feature for Grand Canyon University for three seasons, totaling 11 goals in 53 appearances and San Diego University for the 2018 season, notching five goals in 18 appearances.

### **SCOUTING REPORT:**

#### **PERSONAL:**

### ***DF STEVE JASSO #63***

Height: 5' 10"  
Weight: 160 lbs.  
Birth Date: October 22, 2000  
Birthplace: Tucson, Arizona  
College: --

### **Professional Career**

Jasso has made himself a mainstay on the backline for the U-19s where he has started and played in 14 matches for the RSL Academy. Last season, the Sandy, Utah native played in 30 matches while scoring a single goal in each of his last two seasons. Jasso joined the RSL Academy in 2016 and featured for the U-17s on 35 occasions, totaling two goals.

### **SCOUTING REPORT:**

**PERSONAL:**

***MF LUIS PALMA #59***

Height: 5' 10"  
Weight: 160 lbs.  
Birth Date: January 17, 2000  
Birthplace: La Ceiba, Honduras  
College: --

**Professional Career**

Palma, 19, played through the 2017 and 2018 seasons for C.D.S. Vida in Honduras where he earned 948 minutes played across 17 matches. The Honduran native started 11 of those 17 matches and scored two goals in his two years with club.

Palma has also spent time with the Honduran national teams at the U-17 and U-20 levels. He featured in the 2018 CONCACAF U-20 Championship where he played in six matches for Honduras.

**SCOUTING REPORT:**

**PERSONAL:**

***MF JORDAN PENA #62***

Height: 5' 7"  
Weight: 149 lbs.  
Birth Date: May 21, 2000  
Birthplace: Payson, Utah  
College: --

**Professional Career**

The 18-year-old Utah native has featured in 15 matches during this season for the RSL Academy U-19 side, where 13 of those were starting position. In 2018, Pena played in seven matches for the U-19s where he scored three goals. Pena joined the RSL Academy in 2015 and featured for the U-17s for two seasons before joining the U-19 contingent.

**SCOUTING REPORT:**

**PERSONAL:**

***DF KONRAD PLEWA #56***

Height: 6' 3"  
Weight: 185 lbs.  
Birth Date: February 27, 1992  
Birthplace: Maniowy, Poland  
College: Seton Hall

**Professional Career**

**2017:** Spent his fourth season in the United Soccer League after spending last season with Saint Louis FC in the USL's Eastern Conference, where he scored one goal in 1755 total minutes while featuring in 20 matches – 19 of which were starts.

**2016:** Provided one assist in 27 matches played as he won the USL Cup and USL Regular Season Championship Shield with NYRBII.

**2015:** Scored three goals and added two assists in his rookie season for Red Bulls II.

**SCOUTING REPORT:** "Konrad gives us a different look than what we're used to having on our backline... he's tall and versatile, calm on the ball and does well under pressure... there aren't many balls in the air that he is going to lose..."

**PERSONAL:** All-time minutes leader at Red Bulls II ... suffered a stroke in 2016 ... went on to lead Red Bulls II to a USL Cup Championship ... Enjoys skiing ... Enjoys hockey and is an avid supporter of the New Jersey Devils in the NHL

### ***DF NOAH POWDER #43***

Height: 5' 11"

Weight: 160 lbs.

Birth Date: October 27, 1998

Birthplace: Edison, New Jersey

College: --

#### **Professional Career**

**2018:** The 20-year-old New Jersey native played the 2018 season with Orange County SC, playing 1,636 minutes across 22 matches, making 16 starts at the left back position. Powder notched three goals and two assists throughout the season and helped bring Orange County to a USL Western Conference finals appearance.

**2016-17:** Power began his professional career signing to the New York Red Bulls II and played alongside now-Monarchs DF Konrad Plewa. The two helped New York to the USL Cup title. Since 2016, Powder has also featured for the Trinidad & Tobago U-17 and U-20 sides.

#### **SCOUTING REPORT**

**PERSONAL:**

### ***DF KALEN RYDEN #52***

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 198 lbs.

Birth Date: April 21, 1991

Birthplace: Norman, Oklahoma

#### **Professional Career**

**2017:** Signed with Jacksonville Armada in February 2017 where he started and featured in 31 matches, playing 2774 minutes, scoring one goal and adding four assists.

**2016:** For USL side Oklahoma City Energy FC, he played 26 games and 1,893 minutes with the Energy in 2016.

**2015:** Was drafted in the fourth round (69<sup>th</sup> overall) in the 2015 MLS SuperDraft by Columbus Crew SC. Spent most of the season on loan to the Austin Aztex on the USL where he made 14 appearances, scoring three goals. Signed with the Oklahoma City Energy in August of 2015 where he featured in 26 games, scoring on one occasion.

**Collegiate:** The Norman, Oklahoma native spent his college career between two schools, Oral Roberts University (2009-2010) and Midwestern State University (2012-2014). During his time with Oral Roberts, he was named to the Summit League All-Newcomer team in 2009. He went on to tally one goal and two assists in 28 appearances with Midwestern State and earned NSCAA All-South Central Region First Team honors.

**SCOUTING REPORT:** "Kalen is a big man for a left back standing at 6-2 ... he can move very well for someone of that size ... can pass the ball very well and his fitness is top class ... he's a guy who won't get knocked down by the same guy twice in a game ... he's going to make you aware that he's there and will be a physical presence ..."

**PERSONAL:** Golfing when he is not playing soccer ... A big fan of the Oklahoma Sooners ... Enjoys photography as a hobby