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Game Preview: Battle for third place
Flamingos fight for top-three standing in match against North Texas

USL League One - Game 17 Forward Madison FC vs. North Texas SC Saturday, August 21, 2021; 7:00 p.m. CT Breese Stevens Field-Madison, WI.

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Forward Madison fights for a third place standing this Saturday when they face North Texas SC at Breese Stevens Field. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. CT.

On Wednesday, the Flamingos earned one point after a 2-2 draw against Toronto FC II at Breese Stevens Field. Forward Madison jumped to an early lead when Aaron Molloy earned the first point and his third goal of the season with a monstrous strike outside of the box in the 11th minute. After Toronto equalized the game in the 28th minute, forward Derek Gebhard put the Flamingos back on top when he netted home a near point shot in the 51st minute. Despite their efforts, Toronto was able to once again tie up the match with a goal in the 86th minute.

With this draw, Forward Madison now sits in 8th place with 23 points in USL League One Standings. According to Head Coach Carl Craig, Wednesday's draw doesn't deter from the team's growth this season and the positive impact of the new formation.

"In these last few games we've [Forward Madison] actually surpassed where we were earlier in the year, and I think we're looking pretty good right now," said Craig. "A big part of being an exciting football club is creating those goal-scoring opportunities and on Wednesday I thought we created more chances and more shots on target than any other game this season and that's huge."

As the League table stands, both the Flamingos and North Texas have the chance to move up to third place as North Texas sits exactly one place above Forward Madison with the same amount of points.

Despite these high stakes, Gebhard expressed that the team is treating Saturday's match like any other match they played this year.

"Nothing really changes for us because we see every game as a high stakes game," said Gebhard. "We see it [the match] as another opportunity to come back from this last game where if we won we could have also jumped to third place."

Turning to the competition, North Texas hasn't lost a match in over five games and has the third most goals in USL League One with 26. Earlier this season Forward Madison fell 4-1 at North Texas but has since grown and feels more confident to win tomorrow.

"The last time we played them, it wasn't a good game for us," said Gebhard. "We know how they [North Texas] can play, we know they can be direct and get into channels, and they have good attacking players. This time, we're [Forward Madison] prepared for that and I think our formation suits defending that type of attack they have."

Following Saturday's match the Flamingos are back on the road with an away match against North Carolina FC on Wednesday, August 25. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. CT.



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#### FORWARD MADISON FC



#### #1|PHIL BRENO

121	GP/GS	MIN	cs	GA	sv	SV%	YC/RC
20	<b>GP/GS</b> 15/15	1,350	3	18	32	61.5%	1/0

#### GK | 25 | 6'2" | 205 LB | MT. AIRY, MD

- Arrives at Forward Madison following two years with the Charleston Battery in USL Champ'shp.
- Only FMFC player to defeat Greenville Triumph SC, which he did during 2019 US Open Cup.

PHIL BREE-no



#### #2 RONALDO LOMELI

121	<b>GP/GS</b> 5/3	MIN	G	Α	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
20	5/3	205	0	0	3	83%	0/0

#### DF | 23 | 5'5" | 140 LB | LOS ANGELES, CA

- · Started every preseason game for FMFC.
- Can play as a right back or holding midfielder.
- Regular starter for UC-Riverside in 2018-19.

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#### #3 | ERIC LEONARD

121	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
20	<b>GP/GS</b> 11/7	625	0	0	4	86.3%	1/0

#### MF | 25 | 5'9" | 165 LB | PALATINE, IL

- Leonard played in every Forward Madison USL game during the team's first two seasons.
- Can play as defensive midfielder or center back.

AIR-ik LEN-erd



#### # 4 | GUSTAVO FERNANDES

121	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
2	14/14	1,260	0	0	4	86.6%	6/0

#### DF | 23 | 6'0" | 170 LB | WEST BABYLON, NY

- Played in 11 of 16 games in his rookie season in 2020, serving as FMFC's utility man.
- Brother Leo plays for USL Championship's Tampa Bay Rowdies.

goo-STAH-voe fer-NAN-des



#### #5 CYRUS RAD

121	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
50	0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0

#### DF | 22 | 5'11" | 181 LB | DURHAM, N.C.

- Competed at N.C. State
- Played as a trialist for the Flamingos during the friendly against Atletico Morelia.

# S-I-ru RAD



#### # 6 | AARON MOLLOY

121	GP/GS		G	Α	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
20	16/15	1,403	3	3	21	87.6%	3/0

#### MF | 24 | 5'11" | 165 LB | DUBLIN, IRELAND

- Picked #16 in the 2020 MLS SuperDraft by the Portland Timbers.
  - Father Trevor played pro in Ireland, scored over 100 goals in his career.

### AIR-in muh-LOY



#### # 7 | JAKE KEEGAN (C)

121	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
20	16/16	1,440	6	2	39	77.1%	1/0

#### FW | 29 | 5'9" | 159 LB | STORMVILLE, NY

- Scored 14 goals across the past two seasons with Greenville Triumph SC.
- Longtime veteran has also played in Ireland and for FC Edmonton.

## JAKE KEY-ginn



#### #8|MICHAEL VANG

# 10 | CARLOS GOMEZ

# 11 | HEATH MARTIN

121	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
20	10/3	313	0	0	4	83.7%	0/0

#### MF | 20 | 5'8" | 152 LB | SAINT PAUL, MN

- Top scorer for Forward Madison in 2020 season and voted team MVP by fans.
- Spent first part of 2021 preseason training with Chicago Fire FC (MLS).

# MIKE-uhl VANG



- Scored seven goals for Greenville Triumph SC in 2019, was part of title-winning team in 2020.
   Played for Rayo Vallecano's youth teams in
- Played for Rayo Vallecano's youth teams in Spain, Young Harris College in Georgia.

# GO-mez

#### DF | 19 | 5'11" | 170 LB | KNOXVILLE, TN

- Runs a popular Instagram account, Nonstop Progress, with over 30,000 followers.
- Previously played for Atlanta United and DC United academy teams.

# HEETH MAR-tin



#### # 13 | CONNOR TOBIN (C)

121	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
2	16/16	1440	3	0	11	<b>PASS%</b> 87.1%	3/0

#### DF | 34 | 6'2" | 179 LB | FORT COLLINS, CO

- Team co-captain, has become fan favorite due to involvement with local supporters.
- Hired by the team as Community Engagement Manager prior to 2021 season.

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#### #14 TANER DOGAN

121	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
20	0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0



#### # 17 DEREK GEBHARD

121	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
20	<b>GP/GS</b> 16/15	1,338	4	1	16	81.9%	5/0



#### #19 JUSTIN SUKOW

21	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
20	<b>GP/GS</b> 13/7	752	2	3	8	86.9%	0/0



#### #20 AUDI JEPSON

21	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
20	14/8	732	0	2	11	85.5%	2/0



#### # 22 | CHRISTIAN ENRIQUEZ

121	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
20	5/5	389	0	0	2	89.6%	0/0



#### #23 TYLER ALLEN

121	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
20	14/7	646	0	0	9	80%	0/0



#### #24 | AIDAN HOGAN

121	GP/GS	MIN	cs	GA	sv	SV%	YC/RC
20	0/0	0	0	0	0	00.0%	0/0



#### #27 | CHRISTIAN DIAZ

2021	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
2	15/11	1,069	0	1	5	80.6%	3/0



#### #31 NOAH FUSON

121	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
20	<b>GP/GS</b> 15/7	654	2	0	14	76.7%	4/0



#### #33 | JESUS PEREZ

121	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
20	3/3	227	0	0	4	97.5%	0/0



#### #34 | CHRIS BRADY

121	GP/GS	MIN	cs	GA	sv	SV%	YC/RC
×	1/1	80	0	0	4	<b>SV%</b>	0/0

#### MF | 23 | 6'0" | 181 LB | ST. LOUIS, MO

- Captained Harvard men's soccer team during his senior year.
- Competed in Dundalk alongside fellow midfielder Jesus Perez.

#### FW | 25 | 6'0" | 150 LB | BLUE HILL, ME

- Played for Charlotte Independence in 2020, has spent past six years in U.S. second tier.
- Scored first goal in El Paso Locomotive history in 2018.

MF | 22 | 5'10" | 160 LB | SAN ANTONIO, TX

for Reno 1868 in USL Championship.

Loyola-Chicago in college.

Spent latter part of previous season as a rookie

Scored nine goals in 20 games for the Univ. of

Grew up minutes from Lambeau Field and

Played for Saint Louis FC (USL Ch'ship) in 2018-19, but meniscus injury forced him out in 2020.

### d-OH-gan

DER-ek
GEB-hard

JUST-in SOO-koe

AWE-dee JEP-sin

#### MF | 22 | 5'8" | 168 LB | SAN DIEGO, CA

MF | 26 | 5'9" | 161 LB | GREEN BAY, WI

starred for UW-Green Bay in college.

- Played for the U.S. U-19 Men's National Team.
- Signed for Flamingos mid-season on 6/18.
- Before joining FMFC, was previously training with San Diego Loyal in the USL Championship.

#### FW | 22 | 5'9" | 168 LB | HONOLULU, HI

- Spent rookie season with Reno 1868 (USL Ch'ship) in 2020, but did not appear in a game.
- Played regularly as a right back in college, but now usually lines up as a winger.

#### GK | 24 | 6'2" | 200 LB | KOHLER, WI

- Spent both 2020 and 2021 preseason on trial with FMFC.
- One of two Wisconsinite players (with Audi Jepson) on the Flamingos' roster.

#### DF | 30 | 5'9" | 155 LB | GUADLAJARA, MX

- Named to USL League One Best XI in 2019, was finalist for Defender of the Year award.
- Started career with Atlas FC in Mexico at 17.
- Nickname is "Pato" ("Duck").

#### FW | 21 | 6'1" | 165 LB | LOS ANGELES, CA

- Signed mid-season in 2020 to first professional contract, scored first goal 10/24/20 vs NE II.
- Trained with ex-England international Daniel Sturridge during preseason this year.

#### MF | 23 | 5'10" | 154 LB | WAUKEGAN, IL

- Signed mid-season in 2021 to Forward Madison.
- Trained with former Premier League club Dundalk in Ireland.

#### GK | 17 | 6'3" | 170 LB | NAPERVILLE, IL

- On loan from the Chicago Fire.
- Won USL League One Young Player of the Year award in 2020.
- Made four saves during his opening game against the Richmond Kickers on 6/12.

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TY-ler AL-en

AY-din HO-gin

CHRIS-tian DEE-az

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Per-EZ

CHRIS BRAY-dee



#### #44 JOSIAH TRIMMINGHAM

121	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
20	2/2	125	1	0	3	88.2%	0/0

#### DF | 24 | 6'2" | 210 LB | SAN JUAN, T&T

- Started 13/16 games for FMFC in 2020, earning the nickname "Tank" from teammates.
- Captained Trinidad & Tobago in friendly vs USA on Jan. 31 in Orlando.

jo-SI-uh TRIM-ing-ham



#### #77 JIRO BARRIGA TOYAMA

121	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
20	<b>GP/GS</b> 14/14	1,259	0	0	3	80.4%	6/0

#### DF | 26 | 5'9" | 166 LB | CHIBA, JAPAN

- One of four players to have been with the team all three seasons.
- Scored FMFC's 2020 Goal of the Year in season finale vs New England.

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**CRAIG** 

NEE-uhl <u>HLAV-a-</u>tee

#### **TECHNICAL STAFF**



#### **HEAD COACH | CARL CRAIG**

- Over 25 years of coaching experience, including as a head coach for Minnesota United in 2016.
- One-time punk rocker during his youth; introduced the "Wonderwall" tradition in Minnesota.
- Also serves as FMFC's Technical Director.



#### **ASSISTANT COACH | NEIL HLAVATY**

- Joined Flamingos in 2019 for first pro coaching job after lengthy playing career.
- Played from 2008-18, making stops in Europe and U.S. lower leagues.
- Marked milestone on 6/7/19, stepping in as head coach during Daryl Shore's suspension.



#### ASSISTANT COACH | JIM LAUNDER

- Coached University of Wisconsin Men's Soccer from 1986-1996, winning national title in 1995.
- Previously managed Madison 56ers in National Premier Soccer League.
- Currently splits time between FMFC and Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association.



#### **GOALKEEPER COACH | EMERSON LOVATO**

- Previously served as assistant coach for DII colleges, most recently at Newberry College (S.C.)
- First season on the Flamingos' coaching staff.



LAUN-der



#### PERFORMANCE ANALYST | ERIC WILDE

- Graduated from Marquette University in 2016, specializes in video analytics.
- Has worked with FMFC since inaugural season in 2019.





#### **EQUIPMENT MANAGER | CHRIS STANTON**

- Worked as operations manager for Lansing Ignite before joining FMFC in 2020.
- Also serves as team's Director of Soccer Operations.

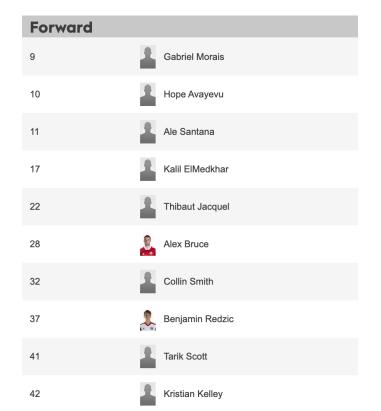
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### **VISITORS ROSTER**

Goalkeeper	
1	Colin Shutler
13	Antonio Carrera
40	Richard Sánchez
55	Marcos Cortez
Defender	
2	Juan Parra
4	Caiser Gomes
5	Lucão Lucão
18	Derek Waldeck
21	Rickson van Hees
24	Rio Ramirez
26	Edwin Munjoma
29	Nkosi Burgess
88	Kazu
-	Mark Salas

Midfielder		
6		Jorge Almaguer
7	1	Bernard Kamungo
8	1	Blaine Ferri
14		Gibran Rayo
15	1	Michael Maldonado
27		Alisson
33	3	Edwin Cerrillo
38	1	Santiago Ferreira
45	1	Roman Torres
48	1	Matthew Corcoran
80	1	Dominick Hernandez
-	1	Freddy Vargas





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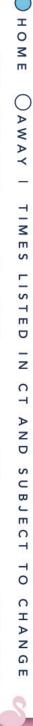
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SAT - MAY 29 - 7pm @ TORMENTA FC

TUE - JUNE 1 - TBD @ FT. LAUDERDALE

SUN - JUNE 6 - 5pm V. UNION OMAHA

SAT - JUNE 12 - 7pm V. RICHMOND KICKERS

SAT - JUNE 19 - 7pm V. NEW ENGLAND REVS II

WED - JUNE 23 - 7pm
@ GREENVILLE TRIUMPH

WED - JUNE 30 - 7pm V. NEW ENGLAND REVS II

SAT - JULY 10 - 8pm @ NORTH TEXAS SC

FRI - JULY 16 - 7pm @ UNION OMAHA

SAT - JULY 24 - 7pm V. FT. LAUDERDALE

SAT - JULY 31 - TBD

@ CHATTANOOGA RED WOLVES

SAT - AUG. 7 - 7pm @ UNION OMAHA

SAT - AUG. 14 - 7pm V. TORMENTA FC

WED - AUG. 18 - 7pm V. TORONTO FC II

SAT - AUG. 21 - 7pm V. NORTH TEXAS SC

WED - AUG. 25 - TBD

@ NORTH CAROLINA FC

WED - SEPT. 1 - 6:30pm
@ RICHMOND KICKERS

SAT - SEPT. 11 - 7pm V. RICHMOND KICKERS

FRI - SEPT. 17 - TBD @ TORONTO FC II

TUE - SEPT. 21 - 7pm @ NEW ENGLAND REVS II

SAT - SEPT. 25 - 7pm V. GREENVILLE TRIUMPH

FRI - OCT. 1-5pm @ NEW ENGLAND REVS II

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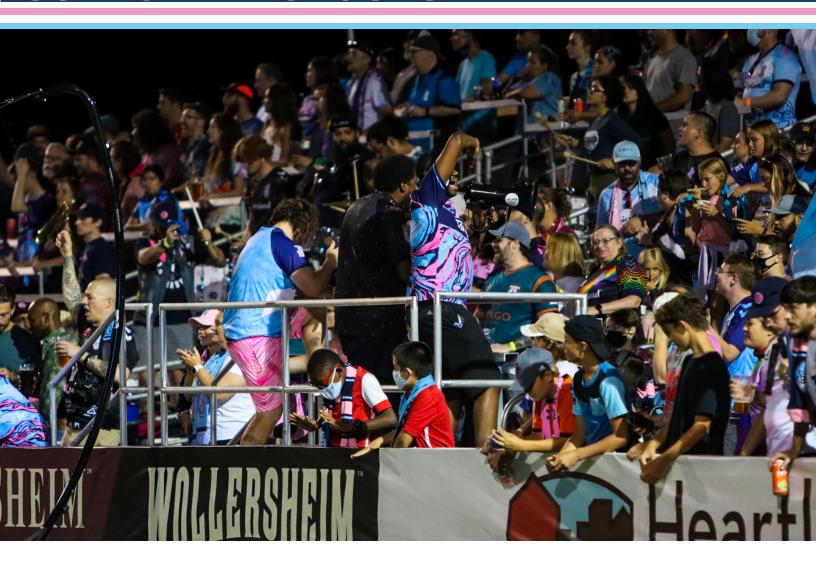
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