



# VERMONT GREEN FC

TAKE ON THE WESTERN MASS PIONEERS

JUNE 17  
7:00PM



# LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



Vermont Green FC acknowledges that our playing ground sits on land that is a site of meeting and exchange for Indigenous peoples since time immemorial.

Ongoing generations of Indigenous peoples, namely the Western Abenaki [A-ben-A-kee], have stewarded this land. The Western Abenaki are the caretakers of this land which they call NdaKinna [in-DAH-kee-NAH], or “homeland.” We recognize the trauma that violence and forced displacement by the hands of colonizing peoples has caused these communities. We are guests on this land and will respect and uplift Indigenous histories, cultures and peoples. We give thanks for the opportunity to share the joys of this beautiful land and in turn are committed to protecting it.

# 2023 HOME MATCHDAY #5



## **Vermont Green FC vs Western Mass Pioneers**

**USL League 2  
Saturday, June 17, 2023  
7:00pm**

Vermont Green FC takes on the undefeated Western Mass Pioneers, who currently stand in first place in the USL League 2 table.

Western Mass Pioneers are based in Ludlow, Massachusetts and were national champions in 1999. The team plays its home matches at Lusitano Stadium, where they have played since 1998. The team's colors are red, black, and white.



vs



# STARTING XI



ADAM PFEIFER



LERECH



DIARBAN



ZENGUE



LANE



M.NDIAYE



PROBO



MESSER



JONES



BARRETT



PREGO



SCHNUR

## SUBS

91. CHRISTOFFERSEN, 6. PACELLA, 12. D'AGOSTINI, 10. KAMAL, 14. KRIOUTCHENKOV, 22. FERREIRA, 25. ASHFORD

# 2023 ROSTER

<u>#</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Last</u>	<u>Pronunciation</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Last</u>	<u>Pronunciation</u>	<u>Position</u>
1	Nathan	Schnur	Sh-nur	GK	20	Gevork	Diarbian	Dee-are-be-an	M
2	Carter	Beaulieu	Bow-lee-uh	D	21	Nacho	Lerech	Leh-rech	F
3	Charlie	Adams		M	22	Rodrigo	Ferreira		M
4	Diego	Ochoa Gomez	Oh-cho-uh Go-mez	D	23	Mark	O'Neill		D
5	Moussa	Ndiaye	N-Dee-aye	D	24	Bernardo	Prego		D
6	Daniel	Pacella	Pachella	M	25	Jake	Ashford		D
7	Federlco	Tellez	Tay-ez	M	26	Gabe	Threadgold		D
8	Alfredo	Bozalongo	Boza-longo	M	27	Giorgio	Probo		M
9	Alfie	Pope		F	28	Zach	Barrett		D
10	Bilal	Kamal		M	29	Chris	Meyers		D
11	Nathan	Messer		D	30	Jack	Cloherty		M
12	Felipe	D'Agostini		M	31	Alonzo	Clarke		M
13	Nate	Jones		D	32	Taha	Kina		D
14	Denis	Krioutchenkov	Kroo-Chen-Kov	F	33	Jordan	Saint Louis		F
15	Sam	McCann		F	34	Amerlin	Nemeye		F
16	Oliver	Martin		M	35	Matt	Alfred		M
17	Dylan	Lane		M	77	Tristan	Stephani		GK
18	Yaniv	Bazini		F	91	Nicholas	Christoffersen		GK
19	Zach	Zengue	Zen-gee	M					

# PLAYER SPOTLIGHT: #17 DYLAN LANE



Dylan Lane is a midfielder from Raleigh, North Carolina and plays for the Furman University.

Dylan is on a great run of form recently, scoring 3 goals in the last two matches, including a wild donkey-kick style goal against Albany Rush. His crafty dribbling and clinical finishing will have the Western Mass defenders on their toes tonight!

**Favorite club: Arsenal**

**Favorite player: Bernardo Silva**

**Favorite vegetable: Brussels Sprouts**

# SCHEDULE & RESULTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sat May 20	1:30 PM	W 3-0	@ Boston Bolts	Newton, MA
Fri May 26	7:00 PM	W 3-0	Albany Rush	Burlington, VT
Wed May 31	7:00 PM	W 3-0	CS Mont-Royal Outremont*	Burlington, VT
Sat Jun 3	6:00 PM	L 1-3	Seacoast United Phantoms	Burlington, VT
Mon Jun 5	4:00 PM	W 2-0	@ Blackrock FC	New London, NH
Wed Jun 7	7:00 PM	W 5-0	Kingston Stockade*	Burlington, VT
Sat Jun 10	1:00 PM	W 6-0	@ Boston City FC	Malden, MA
Tue Jun 13	7:00 PM	W 2-0	@ Albany Rush	Schenectady, NY
<b>Sat Jun 17</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>		<b>Western Mass Pioneers</b>	<b>Burlington, VT</b>
Wed Jun 21	7:00 PM		Boston Bolts	Burlington, VT
Sat Jun 24	7:00 PM		AC Connecticut	Burlington, VT
Tue Jun 27	6:00 PM		@ Seacoast United	Epping, NH
Sun Jul 2	1:00 PM		Blackrock FC	Burlington, VT
Fri Jul 7	7:00 PM		@ Western Mass Pioneers	Ludlow, MA
Sun Jul 9	7:00 PM		Juba Star FC*	Burlington, VT
Wed Jul 12	5:00pm		@ Pathfinder FC	Pleasant Valley, NY
Sun July 16	7:00pm		Boston City FC	Burlington, VT

\*Denotes friendly match

# Anti-Racist Soccer Night RESOURCES

All people, regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, deserve equal access to the benefits of a clean and hospitable environment.

Check out these  
[LOCAL JUNETEENTH CELEBRATIONS](#)

[Juba Star FC  
Volunteer Page](#)

[King Street Center  
Get Involved](#)

[BIPOC-Owned Vermont Businesses](#)

[More Local Organizations](#)

[AALV: equal opportunity and support for New Americans](#)

[Black Church Food Security Network](#)

[Vermont Racial Justice Alliance](#)

[Peace and Justice Center VT](#)

[VGFC's Spread the Love Ticket Donation](#) expands access to the beautiful game





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## **The 10 Point Plan**

## **VGFC Action Steps**

1. Invest resources into our communities to further diversity, equity, and inclusion

Collaborative partnerships and fundraisers with:

- **King Street Center** which has historically helped marginalized communities
- **Juba Star FC** which has created a multicultural soccer atmosphere

2. Increase representation to reflect the community and sport in which we operate

- Diversity in coaching staff and in player signings

3. Educate our community about racism and anti-racist behaviors

- Providing greater insight into issues like transportation, energy savings, and more, that have a massive and disproportionate impact on low-income and minority communities
- Partnerships with CATMA, GSS
- Black-identifying staff and players showing up at Juneteenth celebrations
- The playing of the Black National Anthem on Juneteenth and every match afterwards

4. Support the protest or removal of the National Anthem.

- Playing the National Anthem before players take the pitch
- "Lift Every Voice and Sing" aka the Black National Anthem with the story behind it read by the PA announcer every match

5. Provide a platform for all players to speak openly and freely about social injustices and inequality

- Leveraging social media to support any players that have spoken openly about anti racism such as Diba Nwogo and Riley Urie

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6. Expand access to the sport and work towards equitable play

-Staff and players go to the King Street Center regularly to play soccer and kids are also invited to come by practices

7. Commit to actively working to end police brutality

-Aligning with community partners that are facilitating community engagement with law enforcement

8. Pledge to increase support for Black-owned and Black-led organizations

-Providing consistent support to King Street Center and Juba Star FC

-Asking these organizations what support looks like for THEM

9. Partner with organizations that will support anti-racist efforts

-Partnerships with AALV, Boys & Girls Club, CATMA

10. Make matches more accessible and more inviting to marginalized communities

-Spread The Love ticket donation

# HONORING AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

Vermont Green FC is playing *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, often referred to as “The Black National Anthem,” at every home match to celebrate African American freedom and achievement and respect for all cultures. The Club started this tradition to honor Juneteenth – the effective end of slavery in the United States – and will continue honoring our shared history each time we take the pitch. The hymn was written as a poem by NAACP leader James Weldon Johnson in 1900. His brother, John Rosamond Johnson (1873–1954), composed the music for the lyrics.

At the turn of the 20th century, Johnson’s lyrics eloquently captured the solemn yet hopeful appeal for the liberty of Black Americans and was later adopted by NAACP and prominently used as a rallying cry during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s. To learn more about the history of *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, visit [NAACP’s](#) website.



# ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE MISSION

The Club is prioritizing five goals in pursuit of our environmental justice mission. More details on these goals can be found on our website, [www.vermontgreenfc.com/mission](http://www.vermontgreenfc.com/mission).

## Net Zero

We will become a net zero club following Science Based Targets (SBTi) initiative standard. Net zero targets will follow climate science-based requirements and environmental justice principles.

## Fight Systemic Racism

We will stand up to systemic racism in soccer and beyond. We are working with the Anti Racist Soccer Club on a 10 point plan to advance anti-racist actions and behaviors at the club and in the community.

## Giving

As 1% for the Planet members, we have committed to donating 1% of our annual net sales to non-profits working on behalf of the environment.

## Purpose-driven Merchandise

We source merchandise that satisfies the highest standards of environmental stewardship and social responsibility. We are also building a program that will allow our supporters to participate in the circular economy.

## Educate and Advocate

It all starts here. We are using our platform to raise awareness of and advocate for ways we can collectively transform our society through the lens of environmental justice.

# COMMUNITY PARTNERS



**ANTI RACIST  
SOCCER CLUB**

## King Street Center

Vermont Green FC is partnering with King Street Center to make matches more accessible and inviting to historically marginalized communities. The program is focused on building community ties between VGFC players and King Street Center youth and families. Players will join King Street Center youth each week to engage in soccer activities and discuss their path toward playing soccer at the highest levels. Vermont Green will host King Street Center youth at weekly practices and donate free tickets through its “Spread the Love” initiative so they can attend home games throughout the season.

## Juba Star FC

We are partnering with Juba Star Football Club to expand access to soccer and work towards equitable play in the state. Juba Star FC is a Somali Bantu-led organization that has operated in the state since 2006. The organization was established to provide a safe space for the growth and development of former refugee and immigrant youth in Vermont. The organization runs free soccer clubs for youth and adults, ages 14 and older, and provides assistance with transportation to games and practices, and mentorship for youth.

## Anti Racist Soccer Club

Anti-Racist Soccer Club is a coalition of players, clubs, and experts fighting racism in American soccer. The ARSC membership is open to teams and leagues at the professional and youth levels, supporter groups, and any other soccer-affiliated organization. ARSC works with interested parties to develop a ten-point plan anti-racism framework that is unique to that community. ARSC monitors and evaluates member plans to ensure accountability.

# COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



## Green Saving Smart

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## We help you:



### Review

your finances and  
budgeting  
challenges



### Plan

a roadmap for  
tackling financial &  
energy goals



### Navigate

energy savings  
opportunities



### Save

on your living  
expenses for years  
to come!

## SPECIAL HELMET PROMOTION!



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GET 20% OFF BERN  
HELMETS!**

**USE CODE  
'VGFC20'**

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The Vermont Green FC ticket is a revocable license, and the holder of this ticket voluntarily assumes all risks and dangers incidental to attendance at this event, whether occurring before, during or after the game. This ticket may be taken, and admission refused upon refunding the purchase price appearing thereon. This ticket will not be replaced if stolen or destroyed. It is understood that the license granted by this ticket for the purpose of viewing the game only as an eyewitness. Vermont Green FC further reserves the right to eject and prosecute any person whose conduct is deemed unbecoming (e.g., throwing objects, abusive or vulgar language). The consumption and/or possession of intoxicating beverages at this contest, outside designated areas is prohibited. Violators will be ejected without refund. All carried items will be searched upon entry, and entrants themselves are subject to search. Ticket holder expressly grants Vermont Green FC permission to use holder's image in connection with any live or recorded transmission, reproduction, or publication of this event. Tickets obtained from sources other than Vermont Green FC may be lost, stolen or counterfeit ticket and in such cases will not be honored. Any person buying tickets from other sources does so at his/her own risk. Individuals ages 5 and older must have a ticket. Children ages 4 and under are admitted free of charge. Unless specifically authorized in advance by Vermont Green FC, this ticket may not be offered as a prize in a sweepstakes or contest. Date and time are subject to change. No refunds or exchanges.