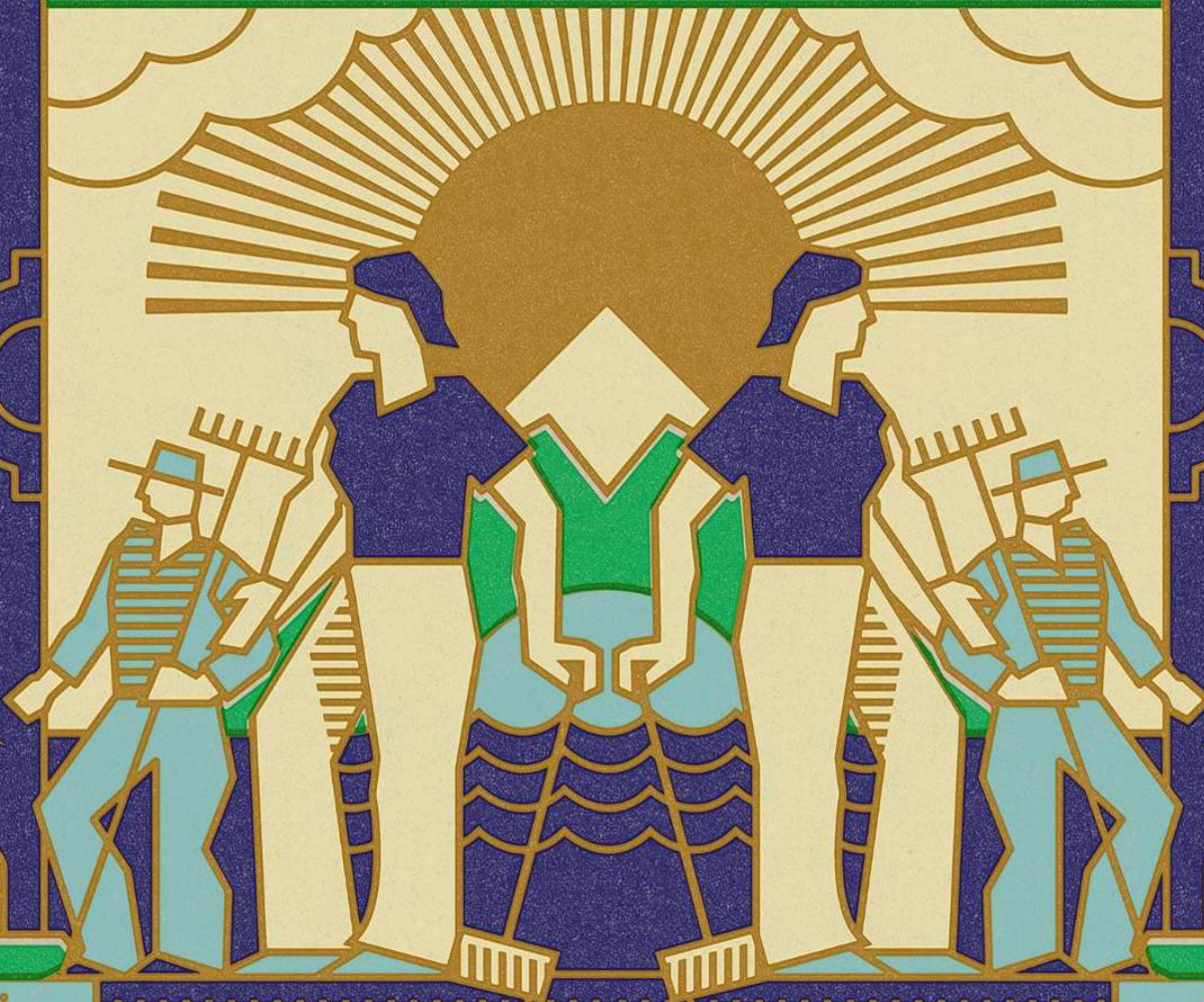


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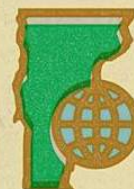
VIRTUE FIELD

7:00PM
USA

VERMONT GREEN



TAKE ON BLACK ROCK FC



"TO HOLD EVER BEFORE THEM THE IDEAL OF MUTUAL KINDNESS AND GOOD WILL"

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.

TONIGHT'S MATCHUP



VS



Vermont Green FC vs Black Rock FC

USL League Two

Saturday, May 28, 2024

7:05pm Kickoff

Vermont Green FC takes on Black Rock FC for the second time this season. The last matchup on May 22nd ended in 2-0 victory for the Green, with Zengue and Bazini scoring one a piece.

Black Rock FC are based out of Barrington, MA and currently play in New London, NH, although they have had three different homes in three different states in the past four seasons. The club was founded in 2013 with its USL2 team being created in 2018. Their team colors are blue, black and white. Black Rock finished 8th in the USL2 Northeast Division last season.

Vermont Green FC and Black Rock FC have played five matches over three years, including Vermont's first ever home match in 2022. Adam Pfeifer's side have gotten the best of the roving Black Rock, winning 4 of the 5 contests.

VERMONT GREEN FC
vs BLACK ROCK FC

STARTING XI

MAY 28, 2024
BURLINGTON, VT

18

BAZINI

16

CASTRO

19

ZENGUE

7

O'NEIL

5^C

M.NDIAYE

4

LAYTON

44

THREADGOLD

55

DRECHSLER

27

FISHER

3

WINDSCHAUER

30

WICKHAM

HEAD COACH



ADAM
PFEIFER



SUBS: 1. MONTALI, 6. PACELLA, 8. LABOVITZ
10. BAWA, 11. ZAMBRANO, 15. GATO, 17. COMBE



2024 ROSTER

DEFENDERS



Nathan Simeon
Laval, Quebec



Lucas Windschauer
Madeira Beach, FL



Moussa Ndiaye
Dakar, Senegal



Gerardo Castillo
San José, Costa Rica



Bernardo Prego
Évora, Portugal



Mason McClendon
Virginia Beach, VA



Reid Fisher
Huntington Beach, CA



Gabe Threadgold
Bremerton, WA



Sjur Drechsler
Stavanger, Norway

MIDFIELDERS



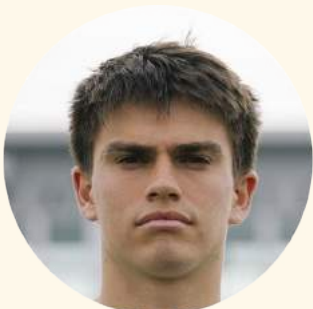
Sam Layton
Brisbane, Australia



Daniel Pacella
Montreal, Québec



Andrey "Gato" Salmeron
San José, Costa Rica



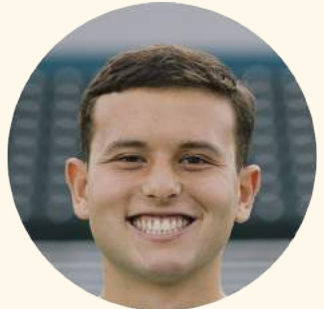
Jackson Castro
Plano, TX



Ryan Combe
York, Maine



Pearson O'Brien
Hartford, CT



Theo Drennan
Richmond, VA

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Rodrigo Vaza Ferreira
Torres Vedras, Portugal



Diego Batista
Barcelos, Portugal



Aidan Farwell
Scituate, MA

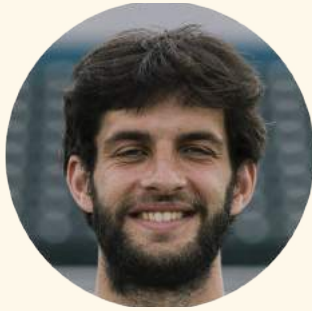


Siad Haji
Manchester, NH

FORWARDS



Xavi O'Neil
Hendon, VA



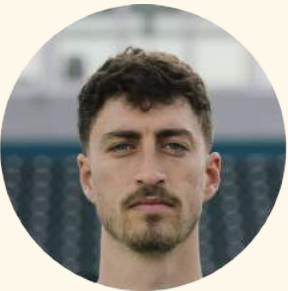
Jacob Labovitz
Fairfax, VA



Ernest Bawa
Accra, Ghana



Carlos Zambrano
Miami, FL



Yaniv Bazini
Beit Hanan, Israel



Zach Zengue
Northern Oaks, MN



Ayoub Lajhar
Dernah, Libya



Michael Asare
Kumasi, Ghana



Yann Toulay
Abidjan, Ivory Coast

KEEPERS



Francesco Montali
Davie, FL



Lute Lillo
El Altet, Spain



Jahiem Wickham
Brampton, Ontario

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT:

#18 Yaniv Bazini



Yaniv Bazini is back for his second season with Vermont Green FC! The forward has been instrumental in the club's success. Bazini has the most goals overall at 9, tied with Diba Nwegbo.

When he isn't repping the Green, Bazini plays on this very field for the University of Vermont Catamounts. Bazini received America East All-Conference First Team and United Soccer Coaches All-Northeast First Team honors as well as recording a team-high 11 goals, 26 points, 65 shots, and 32 shots on goal for UVM.

The forward's name can be heard being chanted at Virtue all year round... **"YAA YANIV BAZINI"** to the chant of Seven Nation Army by the White Stripes.

SCHEDULE & RESULTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sat May 19	7:00 PM	W 3-0	@ Boston City FC	Malden, MA
Wed May 22	4:00 PM	W 2-0	@ Black Rock FC	New London, NH
Sat May 25	2:00 PM	T 1-1	Pathfinder FC	Burlington, VT
Tue May 28	7:00 PM		Black Rock FC	Burlington, VT
Sat June 1	6:00 PM		AC Connecticut	Burlington, VT
Wed Jun 5	6:00 PM		Juba Star FC*	Burlington, VT
Sat Jun 8	1:00 PM		@ Albany Rush	Schenectady, NY
Tue Jun 11	6:00 PM		@ Seacoast United	Epping, NH
Sat Jun 15	7:00 PM		Western Mass Pioneers	Burlington, VT
Tue June 18	6:00 PM		@AC Connecticut	Danbury,CT
Sat Jun 22	7:00 PM		FC Laval (Women's)*	Burlington, VT
Wed Jun 26	7:00 PM		Boston City FC	Burlington,VT
Sun June 30	2:00 PM		@Pathfinder FC	Pleasant Valley, NY
Wed Jul 3	6:00 PM		CS Saint Laurent*	Burlington, VT
Sun Jul 7	2:00 PM		Seacoast United	Burlington, VT
Wed Jul 10	7:00pm		Boston Bolts	Pleasant Valley, NY
Sat July 13	6:00pm		Western Mass Pioneers	Ludlow, MA

*Indicates friendly match

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHTS



The [Howard Center Union](#) will be joining us at the half to speak about the work they do. Howard Center helps people and communities thrive by providing services to address mental health, substance use, and developmental needs in various languages. AFSCME Local 1674 is their union and how they ensure workers and clients receive the respect, dignity, and fair treatment they deserve.

Vermont AFL-CIO is one of nearly 500 state and local labor councils of the AFL-CIO and are the heart of the labor movement. We are democratically elected bodies dedicated to represent the interests of working people at the state and local level. Take action by [writing to your state rep](#) or [contacting a union organizer!](#)



[Graduate Students United](#) has been led by and for graduate student workers since its genesis in 2020. Their affiliation with United Auto Workers (UAW) 2322 began in the spring of 2023. A graduate student union gives students the legal right to bargain collectively with the UVM administration and it requires them to negotiate with us in good faith. Their demands are universal minimum stipend at a living wage, vision and dental benefits, accessible childcare for working parents, enforcing 20-hour TA/RA workload cap, robust grievance procedure, addressing the housing crisis, and no comprehensive fee”

RECENT CLUB NEWS



THE GREEN ON CABLE Vermont Green FC and WYCI-TV will bring local soccer to live television for the first time during the 2024 season! Six regular season matches will be televised on WYCI-TV live from Virtue Field, beginning on at today's match vs Black Rock FC.

KIT LAUNCH The Alpine Kit launched on Thursday, and was worn on Saturday's home opener. The inspiration comes from the vibrant ski and snowboard culture of Vermont. Through the club's partnership with PlayerLayer, each kit is made from approximately 23 recycled plastic water bottles and is Global Recycling Standard certified so the boys can play in style and wear the mission of climate justice.



MEET THE SKIPPERS Vermont Green has two captains (skippers) this year. Danny Pacella, who has been with the club since our first season, and Moussa Ndiaye, who is back for his second season with the Green. The club is incredibly proud and confident in these two wearing the captain's armband this season. ALLEZ!

VOLUNTEER WITH THE GREEN!



Volunteers are essential to making matches successful and are a valued part of the Vermont Green FC family!

Interested in volunteering at upcoming matches? Fill out [this form](#) and we will be in touch!



BIKE TO THE MATCH



Local Motion is our bike valet partner that has made biking to the matches more accessible. Check out their [website](#) for more resources. Rent a bike, learn more about community action, check out the bike ferry!

The Bike To The Match initiative incentivizes sustainable transportation that will address one of the club's environmental missions. Two raffle winners who have biked to our match will be entered to a win a prize that will be announced at during the match. Today's prize...**A Bivo water bottle!**

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.

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.

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Zero Gravity prioritizes partnering with proactive environmental organizations, as well as setting sustainable goals for their own business. The craft brewery works to bring the environment to the forefront of their decisions and to protect the landscapes here in Vermont that we collectively call home.



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TICKET POLICY



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.