

VGFC | 

2024
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VS. PATHFINDER FC
MAY 25TH • 2:00PM



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.

2024 HOME OPENER



Vermont Green FC vs Pathfinder FC

**USL League 2 Match
Saturday, May 25 2024
2:00pm**

Vermont Green FC takes on Pathfinder FC in the 2024 Home Opener.

Pathfinder FC was founded in 2013 in Pleasant Valley, New York. The Wolves finished 4th in the Northeast Division last season, one below Vermont in the league table. The Green have faced Pathfinder twice before, an 8-0 win in the inaugural season and a 1-1 draw last season.



HEAD COACH



ADAM PFEIFER

STARTING XI

VERMONT GREEN FC
vs PATHFINDER FC

MAY 25, 2024
BURLINGTON, VT



SUBS: 30. WICKHAM, 4. LAYTON, 5. NDIAYE
8. LABOVITZ, 15. GATO, 17. COMBE, 70. HAJI



2024 ROSTER

Name	Number	Position	Hometown
Francesco Montali	1	GK	Davie, FL
Nathan Siméon	2	D	Laval, Québec
Lucas Windschauer	3	D	Madeira Beach, FL
Sam Layton	4	D, M	Brisbane, Australia
Moussa Ndiaye	5	D, M	Dakar, Senegal
Daniel Pacella	6	M	Montreal, Québec
Xavi O'Neil	7	M, F	Hendon, VA
Jacob Labovitz	8	F	Fairfax, VA
Ernest Bawa	10	M, F	Accra, Ghana
Carlos Zambrano	11	M, F	Miami, FL
Gerardo Castillo	12	D	San Jose, Costa Rica
Lute Lillo	13	GK	El Altet, Spain
Andrey 'Gato' Salmeron	15	M	San Jose, Costa Rica
Jackson Castro	16	M	Plano, TX
Ryan Combe	17	M	York, ME
Yaniv Bazini	18	F	Beit Hanan, Israel
Zach Zengue	19	F	North Oaks, MN
Pearse O'Brien	20	M	Hartford, CT
Theo Drennan	21	M	Richmond, VA
Rodrigo Vaza Ferreira	22	M	Torres Vedras, Portugal
Diego Batista	23	M	Barcelos, Portugal
Bernardo Prego	24	D	Évora, Portugal
Mason McClendon	25	D	Virginia Beach, VA
Ayoub Lajhar	26	M, F	Dernah, Libya
Reid Fisher	27	D	Huntington Beach, CA
Michael Asare	28	M, F	Kumasi, Ghana
Jahiem Wickham	30	GK	Brampton, Ontario
Aidan Farwell	32	M, F	Scituate, MA
Gabe Threadgold	44	D	Bremerton, WA
Sjur Drechsler	55	D	Stavanger, Norway
Said Haji	70	M, F	Manchester, NH
Yann Toualy	99	F	Abidjan, Ivory Coast

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT: #19 Zach Zengue



Zach Zengue is back for his second season with Vermont Green FC! The forward hails from North Oaks, Minnesota and has been instrumental in the club's two wins so far this season, scoring a goal at each of the away matches against Boston City and Black Rock. Last season with the Green, he was an important piece of the attack, scoring 5 goals in 12 matches.

When he isn't repping the Green, Zengue plays for Georgetown University where he saw action in 19 games this past season. Zengue was selected by Columbus Crew in the second round of the 2024 MLS Superdraft, fifty-eighth overall. He opted to return to Georgetown, and was therefore eligible to play for the Green this year.

2024 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		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 SPOTLIGHT



Run On Climate (ROC) is a Burlington-based start--up nonprofit, founded in 2021 by three young organizers and University of Vermont graduates with the goal of building the climate movement from the ground up by empowering those devoted to climate justice with the skills and resources they need to move their community off of fossil fuels as quickly as possible. ROC supports all elements necessary to enact bold local climate policy, including leadership development, candidate recruitment, campaign and organizing support, and policy advocacy.

LAND CONSERVATION NIGHT

RESOURCES

Critical Local Level Climate Policies

- Decarbonizing Transportation
- Decarbonizing Electricity
- Decarbonizing Buildings
- Overarching Climate Policies and Frameworks
- Land Use Regulation
- Climate Adaptation and Resiliency
- Nature Based Climate Policy



Click [here](#) to learn more about ROC's resources!



Local Motion is our 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!

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



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.