



VERMONT GREEN FC
VS. READING UNITED AC

7 • 16 • 24 | VIRTUE FIELD

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



USL LEAGUE TWO PLAYOFFS

Vermont Green FC vs Reading United AC

Tue, July 16, 2024

7:00 Kickoff

Vermont Green FC will host Reading United AC in the USL League Two Playoffs on Tuesday night, the first home postseason match in the Green's young history.

Vermont Green FC have no prior matches against Reading United AC, but this is not the Green's first playoff appearance. In 2022, Vermont Green qualified for the playoffs and upset USL League Two's overall top seed Lionsbridge FC on the road in the round of 32, before falling to Long Island Rough Riders in the round of 16. The Rough Riders went on to the national championship game

Reading United AC (pronounced Red-ing) was founded in 1995 as the Reading Rage, and has competed in the professional and semi-professional divisions of US Soccer since then. In 2009, the Rage announced an affiliation with Major League Soccer's Philadelphia Union, and rebranded to their current name, Reading United Athletic Club.

The have a long history of success, both as competitors in their leagues, as well as in producing professional talent. Reading United AC have had over 145 alumni enter the professional ranks, including US Men's National Team players CJ Sapong and Alex Bono.

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STARTING XI

JULY 16, 2024
BURLINGTON, VT

16

CASTRO

18

BAZINI

34

IBRAHIM

19

ZENGUE

22

RODRI

4

LAYTON

10

LOCKERMANN

5^C

M.NDIAYE

27

FISHER

2

SIMÉON

30

WICKHAM

HEAD COACH



ADAM
PFEIFER



SUBS: 1. WATERMAN, 3. WINDSCHAUER, 6. PACELLA,
8. LABOVITZ, 17. COMBE, 44. THREADGOLD, 55. DRECHSLER



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DEFENDERS



Nathan Simeon
Laval, Quebec



Lucas Windschauer
Madeira Beach, FL



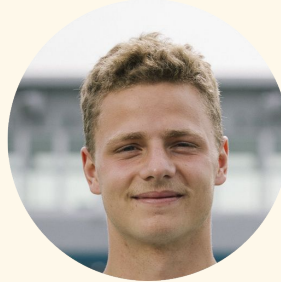
Moussa Ndiaye
Dakar, Senegal



Gerardo Castillo
San José, Costa
Rica



Bernardo Prego
Évora, Portugal



Mason McClendon
Virginia Beach, VA



Reid Fisher
Huntington Beach, CA



Sebastian Gebhart
Rosenheim, Germany



Gabe Threadgold
Bremerton, WA



Sjur Drechsler
Stavanger, Norway



Nick Lockermann
Nuremberg, Germany

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MIDFIELDERS



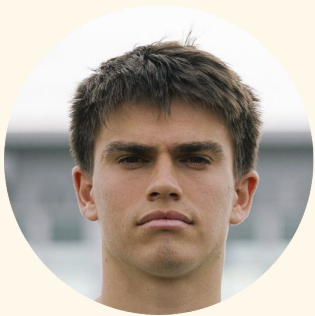
Sam Layton
Brisbane, Australia



Daniel Pacella
Montreal, Québec



Andrey "Gato" Salmeron
San José, Costa Rica



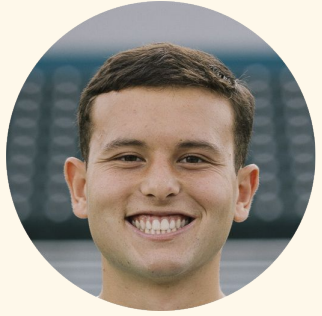
Jackson Castro
Plano, TX



Ryan Combe
York, Maine



Pearson O'Brien
Hartford, CT



Theo Drennan
Richmond, VA



Rodrigo Vaza Ferreira
Torres Vedras, Portugal



Diego Batista
Barcelos, Portugal



Aidan Farwell
Scituate, MA



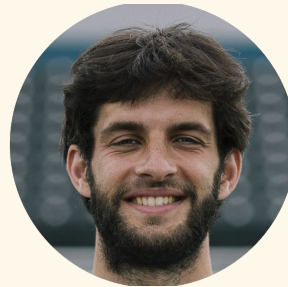
Siad Haji
Manchester, NH

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FORWARDS



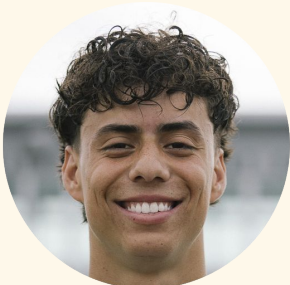
Xavi O'Neil
Hendon, VA



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



Mohammed Ibrahim
Winneba, Ghana



Yann Toulay
Abidjan, Ivory Coast

GOALKEEPERS



Jahiem Wickham
Brampton, Ontario



Joey Waterman
North Andover, MA

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT:

#4 Sam Layton



Sam Layton hails from Brisbane, Australia and this is his first season with the Green. Layton is a midfielder at Syracuse alongside teammates Bawa, Wickham, Threadgold, and Zambrano.

The hard-nosed, fearless Australian has been making his impact by dominating in possession and in defense, and in the last few matches has also proven himself an aerial threat to score goals. He's seen action in 11 matches this season with 2 goals and 2 assists.

He previously attended SIUE where he appeared in 34 matches, totalling 3 goals and 8 assists. In his time with SIUE, he was a Ohio Valley Conference Champion and in the OVC All Tournament.

REGULAR SEASON 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	W 1-0	Black Rock FC	Burlington, VT
Sat June 1	6:00 PM	W 7-0	AC Connecticut	Burlington, VT
Wed Jun 5	6:00 PM	W 4-0	Juba Star FC*	Burlington, VT
Sat Jun 8	1:00 PM	W 2-1	@ Albany Rush	Schenectady, NY
Tue Jun 11	6:00 PM	L 1-3	@ Seacoast United	Epping, NH
Sat Jun 15	7:00 PM	T 1-1	Western Mass Pioneers	Burlington, VT
Tue June 18	6:00 PM	W 2-1	@AC Connecticut	Danbury,CT
Sat Jun 22	7:00 PM	W (5-4 PKs)	FC Laval (Women's)*	Burlington, VT
Wed Jun 26	7:00 PM	W 5-0	Boston City FC	Burlington,VT
Sun June 30	2:00 PM	W 3-0	@Pathfinder FC	Pleasant Valley, NY
Wed Jul 3	6:00 PM	W 5-0	CS Saint Laurent*	Burlington, VT
Sun Jul 7	2:00 PM	L 2-1	Seacoast United	Burlington, VT
Wed Jul 10	7:00pm	DNP	Boston Bolts	Burlington, VT
Sat July 13	6:00pm	3-1	Western Mass Pioneers	Ludlow, MA

*Indicates friendly match

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



Our hearts go out to all those affected by the floods. It has been a hard time for Vermont and even more so for the second summer in a row. If you are able to donate your time and or money please consider doing so. There is a farmer recovery fund going on for the Intervale Center and you can donate through this [link](http://www.intervale.org/farmer-recovery-fund). We are proud of Vermont's strong and resilient community. **Solidarity forever!**

RECENT CLUB NEWS



Yaniv Bazini Named to USL 2 Team of the Month (June)

USL League Two has named Vermont Green FC forward Yaniv Bazini to the [Team of the Month](#) for June, 2024. The recognition is for the best players across all 128 teams in USL League Two.

Yaniv Bazini had an incredible June, scoring nine goals for Vermont, and spending the month neck-and-neck at the top of the USL2 Golden Boot race.

The UVM striker finished second in the USL2 Golden Boot race with 11 goals in 12 matches during the regular season.

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.