

# THE MAPLE CUP



"L'AMITIÉ AVANT TOUT"

"FRIENDSHIP ABOVE ALL"

**VERMONT GREEN  
& FC LAVAL**

SATURDAY  
MAY 24

VIRTUE FIELD  
2:00PM



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# CLUB NEWS

## Vermont Green FC Release 2025 Pre-Match Top with Zero Gravity

Vermont Green Football Club has launched the 2025 Pre-Match Top ahead of the USL League Two season. The shirt is made from 100% recycled material and designed by club co-founder Matthew Wolff.

The 2025 Pre-Match Top features the iconic Zero Gravity hummingbird logo on the chest, and the Green Mountain Solar and 1% for the Planet logos on the left sleeve and right hip. Vermont Green FC is proud to feature the logos of three Vermont-based partners who are committed to sustainability, climate action, and the growth of soccer in Vermont.

Each kit is made from approximately 23 recycled plastic water bottles and is Global Recycling Standard certified. Vermont Green FC is playing a small part in helping PlayerLayer, official kit partner, convert more than 12 million recycled plastic water bottles into new products each year.

The two factories that produce the club's kits are covered in 992 solar panels that will generate power savings equivalent to over 340 tons of carbon dioxide. This is equivalent to taking nearly 74 passenger vehicles off the road each year.

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## TAYLOR NAMED HEAD COACH

Chris Taylor has been promoted to Head Coach ahead of the 2025 USL League Two season. The Liverpool-native and current Head Coach of SUNY Plattsburgh Men's Soccer program has served as Assistant Coach since Vermont Green FC's inaugural season in 2022. Adam Pfeifer—Head Coach and Sporting Director for three seasons from 2022 to 2024—will continue his duties as Sporting Director.

**THOUGH THE KIT LAUNCH IS ALWAYS AN EXCITING WAY TO MARK THE START OF A NEW SEASON, WE ARE KEENLY AWARE OF OVERCONSUMPTION, PARTICULARLY IN FOOTBALL FASHION.**

**Matthew Wolff, Co-Founder**

*on encouraging fans to be thoughtful about upcycling old kits*





# TODAY'S MATCHUP

## Vermont Green FC vs. FC Laval

*Saturday, May 24, 2025*

*2:00pm Kickoff*

Vermont Green FC will welcome FC Laval to Virtue Field on Saturday for the 2025 edition of the Maple Cup. The annual cup, in just its second year, pits top opponents from Quebec against the Green in a cross-border celebration of soccer and the beloved maple industry that the two communities share.

We look forward to warmly welcoming our neighbors from Quebec, now more than ever, to make a collective statement on the strength of friendship and solidarity.

### FC LAVAL IN FOCUS

The Ligue1 Quebec Champions will make their way to Virtue Field on Saturday, bringing with them a vibrant history in the Canadian lower-leagues and a recent run of successes.

Laval won Ligue1 Quebec in 2024 and qualified for the 2025 Canadian Championship (which is similar to the U.S. Open Cup). They faced professional side York United FC in the first round, and despite losing 5-0, the Quebecers showed their merit against one of their nation's top clubs.

FC Laval was formed in 1971 after a merger of clubs and took on the name CS Fabrose in 1974. In 2021, CS Fabrose merged with two more clubs (CS Chomedey and Delta Laval) to form FC Laval. The club's sporting director is Amro Radwan.

In 2024, FC Laval's women's team played Vermont Green FC in the Green's inaugural Women's Exhibition Match, falling in penalties after a thrilling 90 minutes.

Fans of the Green should anticipate a high level of play from the Canadians, and they'll come to Virtue Field looking to get their hands on the coveted Maple Cup.

# ZERO GRAVITY

## VERMONT GREEN IPA

Zero Gravity proudly presents Vermont Green IPA, the official beer of the Vermont Green Football Club's 2025 season. A small but mighty beer with big aromas of mango, pineapple, and passion fruit. Joyfully easy to drink, there's no better beverage to help support the home side. Go Green!



### AVAILABILITY

16oz 4-PACKS  
KEGS



### HOPS

Citra Incognito  
586  
Motueka

### MALT

Canada Maltage  
Superior Pilsner  
Rahr White Wheat  
Weyermann Carafoam  
Oats

### YEAST

House Ale

### ABV

5.0%

### STYLE

India Pale Ale

### OG

13.3°P

# Zero Gravity

THE OFFICIAL BEER OF THE VERMONT GREEN FOOTBALL CLUB.

UP THE GREEN!





# FOOD VENDORS

## MISO TOH KOME



*Japanese comfort food—  
Warm, satisfying, and perfect for  
enjoying on the go*

## CHURCH STREET CHEESESTEAKS



*Family-owned for over a decade,  
serves up authentic cheesesteaks*

## SABAH HOUSE



*Middle Eastern food,  
including shawarma, Iraqi rice,  
fries, and more*

**Plink!**

**BEN & JERRY'S**



**sodexo**

## MERCH SPOTLIGHT

### The 2025 Home Kit

*Available now in sizes S-XXXL at the merch tent or online*

The 2025 Home Kit is made from 100% recycled polyester with a slim, athletic fit. It features an embroidered crest, sponsor logos from Yerba Madre and Seventh Generation, and a 1% for the Planet detail. Each kit is crafted in solar-powered, sustainably operated factories using about 23 recycled plastic bottles. Size up for a more relaxed fit.

**\$79**

SAT. MAY 24, 2025  
2:00 PM

VERMONT GREEN FC  
vs FC LAVAL



1. HERCEG, 7. ROSA, 11. AJAGBE, 15. GJERDE, 18. PAPP, 17. VASSILIOU,  
21. PICOTTO, 26. TATTEVIN, 28. LAJHAR, 34. MO.IBRA, 42. LANG



LEMON ELATION

**YERBA**



**MATE**  
ORGANIC



BY  
GUAYAKI

15.5 fl oz  
(458 mL)



# ROSTER

Player Name	#	Position	Hometown	College
Niklas Herceg	1	GK	Alsdorf, Germany	University of Vermont
Brandon Marshall	2	D	Wake Forest, NC	Providence College
Luca Costabile	3	D	Copenhagen, Denmark	University of Maryland
Amoni Thomas	4	D	Edmonton, Canada	Wake Forest
Moussa Ndiaye	5	D, M	Dakar, Senegal	Virginia Commonwealth
Julien Le Bourdoulous	6	M	Quemperven, France	UNC Greensboro
Bruno Rosa	7	F	Cascais, Portugal	Providence College
Jacob Labovitz	8	F	Fairfax, VA	Virginia Tech
Tyler Trimnal	9	F	Lancaster, SC	University of South Carolina
Ask Ekeland	10	M, F	Stavanger, Norway	Boston College
David Ajagbe	11	F	British Columbia, Canada	Ohio State University
Owen O'Malley	12	D, M, F	Cary, NC	Creighton University
Rui Aoki	13	D	Hyogo, Japan	University of Vermont
Enzo Dovlo	14	F	Strasbourg, France	UNC Greensboro
Eskil Gjerde	15	M	Bjoo, Norway	Drake University
Diego Rived	16	M	Zaragoza, Spain	Boston University
Ioannis Vassiliou	17	D	Frankfurt, Germany	University of Vermont
Marcell Papp	18	F	Budapest, Hungary	University of Vermont
Zachary Zengue	19	M, F	North Oaks, MN	Georgetown
Pearse O'Brien	20	M, F	West Hartford, CT	Providence College
Joseph Umberto Picotto	21	M	Turin, Italy	University of Maryland
Judewellin Michel	22	GK	Montreal, Quebec	Indiana University
Terence Okoeguale	23	M, F	Cologne, Germany	San Diego State
Alexander Hall	24	M, F	Renton, WA	University of Washington
Romme Jaridl	25	F	Chino Hills, CA	San Diego State
Arnaud Tattevin	26	F	Rennes, France	UNC Greensboro
Ayoub Lajhar	28	D, M	Dernah, Libya	University of Connecticut
Tenzing Manske	31	GK	Santa Fe, NM	Georgetown
Mohammed Ibrahim	34	M, F	Cape Coast, Ghana	Virginia Commonwealth
Daniel Lang	42	D	Frankfurt, Germany	Fordham
Victor Akoum	43	D	Edmonton, Canada	Indiana University
Gabriel Fernnandez	44	D, M	Port Orchard, WA	University of Washington
Stephane Njike	77	F	Strasbourg, France	Marshall



# COACHES & STAFF



ADAM PFEIFER  
*Sporting Director*



CHRIS TAYLOR  
*Head Coach*



LEE WILLIAMSON  
*Assistant Coach*



JED SASS  
*Assistant Coach*



BEN WOELFINGER  
*Assistant Coach*



HANNAH TREMEL  
*Athletic Trainer*



MAHDER TEFERRA  
*Intern*



ALLISON OUELLETTE  
*Intern*



CARTER FRANCISKOVICH  
*Intern*



AINSLEY HUBBARD  
*Intern*



JAKE LUCARELLI  
*Intern*



LEON BRODY  
*Intern*



## PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

# JUDEWELLIN “JUDE” MICHEL

One continued constant for Vermont Green FC has been the presence of Canadian talent—specifically from Quebec—in the squad.

Haiti-born Montrealer Judewellin Michel has started in goal in the first two matches of the season, keeping a clean sheet in both. Michel has experience with MLS side CF Montreal as well as in Ligue1 Quebec. The 6'6" keeper will be familiar with a number of men in the Laval side, having played with or against them in the Quebec youth soccer scene. He also signed a short term contract with CPL club Halifax Wanderers.

Michel is joining the Hoosier squad at Indiana University this coming fall season.





# SCHEDULE & RESULTS

02-00-00

MAY

 HOME  AWAY

<div>MAY 18 AT BOSTON CITY FC 2-0</div>	<div>MAY 21 AT BOSTON BOLTS 2-0</div>	<div>MAY 24 VS FC LAVAL 2 PM TODAY'S MATCH</div>	<div>MAY 27 VS PROVIDENCE CITY 6 PM</div>	<div>MAY 31 VS SEACOAST UNITED 6 PM</div>
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JUNE

<div>JUNE 2 VS JUBA STAR 7 PM</div>	<div>JUNE 4 AT ALBANY RUSH 7 PM</div>	<div>JUNE 7 VS BOSTON BOLTS 7 PM</div>	<div>JUNE 10 AT BLACK ROCK FC 7 PM</div>	<div>JUNE 11 VS FLOWER CITY 1872 7 PM</div>
<div>JUNE 14 VS AS BLAINVILLE 6 PM</div>	<div>JUNE 17 VS WESTERN MASS 7 PM</div>	<div>JUNE 21 VS AC CONNECTICUT 6 PM</div>	<div>JUNE 24 AT AC CONNECTICUT 7 PM</div>	<div>JUNE 28 VS NEW ENGLAND FC 6 PM</div>

JULY

<div>JULY 2 AT SEACOAST UNITED 6 PM</div>	<div>JULY 5 VS BLACK ROCK FC 7 PM</div>	<div>JULY 8 VS ALBANY RUSH 7 PM</div>	<div>JULY 11 AT WESTERN MASS 7:30 PM</div>
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POST-SEASON  
DATES TO FOLLOW





# COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

## BAIRD FARM

### A FOURTH GENERATION FAMILY FARM

Our 560-acre farm is located in Chittenden, Vermont and has been in the Baird family for four generations. Bonnie and Bob Baird own and operate the farm today while their daughter Jenna and her partner Jacob run the maple syrup business. Bob's grandparents, Sara and Ralph Baird, both grew up on farms on the road.

In 1918 they purchased our farm from Sara's sister and brother-in-law. Their son Richard took over the operation in the 1940s and ran the farm until 1979 when Bonnie and Robert purchased the property. Maple syrup was produced here even before the Bairds moved to the property.

When Sara and Ralph began farming they milked cows and made butter that was sold door-to-door in the nearby town of Rutland. As the dairy herd grew, milk was sold into the Boston market and later to our local Cabot cheese plant. The milking cows were sold in 1996 and, since that time, maple syrup has been the primary crop on the farm. Jenna and Jacob have greatly expanded the maple retail market and agritourism on the farm. Stop by and visit or schedule a tour to learn more about the operation!



**BAIRD  
FARM**  
ESTD. 1918





## OUR PARTNERS



Yerba Madre (formerly Guayakí Yerba Mate) started in 1996 with the goal of making the energy of yerba mate more accessible to people through a business model that could also benefit the planet and people. Now, decades later, Guayakí is a certified B Corp that uses business as a force for good by supporting the environment, people and communities.



Founded in a renovated gas station in Burlington, Vermont, in 1978, Ben & Jerry's believes that ice cream can be a force for positive change, one scoop at a time. Through values-led ingredient sourcing and inclusive movement-building, we're working toward a future where everyone can thrive.



Our products work hard in your home and are made with your safety in mind. Join us on our mission to transform the world into a healthy, sustainable, and equitable place for the next seven generations.



Zero Gravity Beer has been brewing beautiful and balanced beers since 2004. Based in Burlington, Vermont, we are committed to bringing people together under one common thread: beer.



Green Mountain Solar is a residential and commercial solar and battery installation company based in South Burlington. Our educational, zero-pressure approach to energy solutions has gained us the trust of thousands of Vermonters. Go to [www.greenmtnsolar.com](http://www.greenmtnsolar.com) today to set up your free consultation with one of our Solar Advisors!



Twin State Basement Services specialize in basement waterproofing, crawl space encapsulation, and expert foundation repair to protect your home from moisture, mold, and structural issues. Our team uses advanced solutions to ensure long-lasting protection and peace of mind. Trust us to keep your foundation strong and your space dry.



## OUR PARTNERS





# 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 regularly to engage in soccer activities and discuss their path toward playing soccer at the highest levels. Vermont Green will donate free tickets through its "Spread the Love" initiative so they can attend home games throughout the season.

## JUBA STAR FC

Vermont Green is partnered 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.



# ABOUT VERMONT GREEN

Vermont Green Football Club is a Burlington-based soccer team competing in USL League Two, the fourth tier of the American soccer system. Since its debut season in 2022, the club has quickly made a name for itself by combining competitive play with a bold, values-driven mission. Home matches are held at Virtue Field on the University of Vermont campus, where supporters gather to cheer on the team in an energetic and inclusive atmosphere.

What sets Vermont Green FC apart is its deep commitment to environmental justice. The club's mission is to build a soccer organization that addresses the climate crisis and promotes sustainability at every level—from using kits made with 100% recycled materials to donating 1% of its annual revenue to environmental causes as part of One Percent for the Planet. Vermont Green FC believes soccer can be a powerful force for social and ecological change.

Off the pitch, the club is equally committed to community. Through soccer programming, volunteer coaching, and regular community engagement, Vermont Green FC helps create opportunities for local youth communities to connect through sport. The club is more than just a team—it's a platform for impact.

Vermont Green FC continues to grow both in stature and influence, inspiring fans with a model of how soccer can be played with purpose and integrity. As they compete and engage, the team remains focused on uniting sport, sustainability, and justice to create lasting change.





# 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.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO TO SUPPORT ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE?

Be part of the mission on matchday—travel sustainably, bring a reusable water bottle, and sort your waste into the proper bins. Choose merch made with purpose and donate old clothes or gear at designated drop-offs. Even small actions at Virtue Field can make a big impact.



# 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.



# 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.





# VOLUNTEER WITH VERMONT GREEN

We believe that soccer can be a powerful catalyst for a more environmentally sustainable and socially just world, and we're immensely grateful for the volunteers who show up to help build the club alongside us. We're looking for volunteers who are able to support specific matchday roles such as: stadium set up, ticketing, merchandise, ushering, and clean up. Volunteers are provided a staff t-shirt, post-match pizza, and custom merchandise discounts.

If you are interested in volunteering or have any additional questions [click here!](#)





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!



# BIKE TO THE MATCH







# ABOUT USL2

USL League Two is the leader in pre-professional soccer in North America. The League holds a vital role as it continues to provide the elite platform for those pursuing professional careers domestically and internationally.

The USL League Two regular season takes place during the summer from early May to mid-July. Each team plays at least 12 regular season games within their division, splitting the number of home and away matches. Each division winner qualifies for the playoffs, as well as the second-place team of select divisions. The playoffs are split into conferences and occur in late July, culminating in the League Two Final in early August.

## WHY USL2?

Vermont Green FC competes in USL League Two, the proven developmental leader in North American soccer's evolving tiered structure.

USL League Two (formerly the PDL) features clubs throughout the United States and Canada.

USL League Two is an important stepping-stone for top professionals now playing throughout the world, with more than 70 percent of all selections in the MLS SuperDraft since 2010 having League Two experience.

By joining USL League Two, Vermont Green FC fills a gap in the Vermont soccer system, giving the state's top players the opportunity to train and compete at the highest level while maintaining their collegiate eligibility.

## NORTHEAST DIVISION

The USL League Two Northeast Division is a dynamic and competitive region that showcases the depth of soccer talent across New England and upstate New York. With clubs based in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, and New York, the division blends long-standing organizations with ambitious newcomers.

Competing teams, AC Connecticut, Albany Rush, Black Rock FC, Boston Bolts, Boston City FC, New England Futbol Club, Seacoast United Phantoms, Vermont Green FC, and Western Mass Pioneers, bring a range of histories, playing styles, and community-driven missions to the field.

The Northeast Division is known for offering both a high level of play and a special ability to grow one of the country's most passionate soccer regions.







# FOLLOW ALONG

