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# CLUB NEWS

### SATURDAY'S HOME OPENER EXTENDS SELLOUT STREAK TO SEVEN STRAIGHT

Vermont Green FC's hot streak at the ticket gate continued as Saturday's home opener against FC Laval—also serving as the 2025 Maple Cup—sold out six days ahead of kickoff. This match marked the club's seventh consecutive sold-out match and the first time a men's match has sold out multiple days in advance. The current streak began last summer with the club's inaugural Women's Exhibition Match on June 22, 2024, which featured World Cup champion Sam Mewis as head coach. That match marked a milestone for the Green, becoming the first in club history to sell out prior to gameday and drawing one of the largest crowds Virtue Field has ever seen.



THIS COMMUNITY'S ENTHUSIASM FOR SOCCER AND THEIR DEDICTION TO VERMONT GREEN FC'S LARGER MISSION IS NOTHING SHORT OF INSPIRING.

> Patrick Infurna, Co-Founder on Vermont Green's dedicated fan base



# **REMEMBERING WENDELL MORSE**

Vermont Green has lost one of it's own, an avid supporter of the club; Wendell Morse passed away at the age of 51 from Acute Myeloid Leukemia. From the moment Wendell heard about the club he was all in, driving from Marshfield to attend every home match. Amassing a collection of every Home, Away, Alternate, and GK kit the club has ever produced.

Embodying the spirit of this club and community Wendell spent his life giving back. From enlisting in the Army on his 18th birthday and serving for 25 years, to volunteering with Freezing Fun for Families (a VT based charity that raises money for VT families experiencing childhood cancer), to fostering 68 Dachshunds while serving as the vice president of the All-American Dachshund rescue.

Wendell's unwavering dedication, kindness, and generosity will forever be a part of Vermont Green's story. We honor his memory, his service, and the countless lives he touched. He will be deeply missed, but never forgotten. Rest in peace, Wendell.

To read more about Wendell, make a donation to All-American Dachshund rescue or Freezing Fun for Families in his name, or to plant a tree in a forest in need please <u>click here</u>.



#### TODAY



# **TODAY'S MATCHUP**

#### Vermont Green FC vs. Providence City FC

Tuesday, May 27, 2025 6:00pm Kickoff

One of New England's amateur-league darlings will make their first ever trip to the Green Mountain State on Tuesday night to face a surging Vermont Green FC in a non-league match. The Rhode Islanders will have a point to prove, and may look to players with experience playing at Virtue Field to attempt to upset the hosts.

#### **PROVIDENCE CITY IN FOCUS**

Providence City FC was founded in 2015 to build community in Rhode Island's biggest city. The club competes in the Bay State Soccer League and the Ocean State Soccer League of Massachusetts and Rhode Island respectively. The "Rogues" have been a fixture in their local competitions, but have also attracted a national and international spotlight for their creative, principled approach to their visual identity, match kits, and how these themes can be a spearhead for building community in the game.

The Rogues lifted the MA Werner Fricker Cup in 2025, and recently played a competitive match at Centreville Bank Stadium, Pawtucket's brand new soccer specific stadium for Rhode Island FC.

Proudly featuring Rhode Island and Massachusetts talent in the team, the Rogues could visit Vermont with local players who know a thing or two about the Green Mountain State. Nate Silveira, Justin Freitas, and Geo Alves-all University of Vermont alum-have featured for the Rogues in recent seasons. It's not yet known if they will make the trip, but a homecoming would be a welcome surprise for the Virtue Field faithful.

### **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!



THE OFFICIAL BEER OF THE VERMONT GREEN FOOTBALL CLUB

#### TODAY

# **FOOD VENDORS**

### **MISO TOH KOME**



Japanese comfort food– Warm, satisfying, and perfect for enjoying on the go.

### **JILIB JIBLITS**



Somali-owned food cart famous for its flavorful and authentic dishes.

### **POPPY CAFE**



Creative sandwiches served on focaccia and other breads.



## **MERCH SPOTLIGHT**

### The 2025 Pre-Match Top

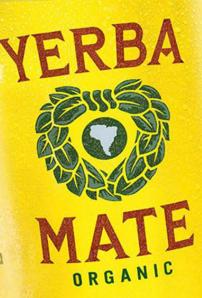
Available now in sizes S-XXXL at the merch tent or online

The 2025 Pre-Match Top is made from 100% recycled polyester with a crew neck and straight fit for easy comfort. It features an embroidered full-color crest, sponsor logos from Zero Gravity and Green Mountain Solar, and a 1% for the Planet detail. Each top is produced in solar-powered, sustainably operated factories. For a looser feel, consider sizing up.

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### LEMON ELATION



BY GUAYAKI

#### **THE TEAM**

# ROSTER

Player Name	#	Position	Home
Niklas Herceg	1	GK	Alsdorf,
Brandon Marshall	2	D	Wake F
Luca Costabile	3	D	Copenh
Amoni Thomas	4	D	Edmonte
Moussa Ndiaye	5	D, M	Dakar, S
Julien Le Bourdoulous	6	М	Quemp
Bruno Rosa	7	F	Cascais
Jacob Labovitz	8	F	Fairfax,
Tyler Trimnal	9	F	Lancaste
Ask Ekeland	10	M, F	Stavang
David Ajagbe	11	F	British C
Owen O'Malley	12	D, M, F	Cary, N
Rui Aoki	13	D	Hyogo,
Enzo Dovlo	14	F	Strasbo
Eskil Gjerde	15	Μ	Bjoa, N
Diego Rived	16	М	Zarago
Ioannis Vassiliou	17	D	Frankfu
Marcell Papp	18	F	Budape
Zachary Zengue	19	M, F	North C
Pearse O'Brien	20	M, F	West Ho
Joseph Umberto Picotto	21	М	Turin, Ite
Judewellin Michel	22	GK	Montree
Terence Okoeguale	23	M, F	Cologne
Alexander Hall	24	M, F	Renton,
Rommee Jaridl	25	F	Chino H
Arnaud Tattevin	26	F	Rennes,
Ayoub Lajhar	28	D, M	Dernah,
Tenzing Manske	31	GK	Santa Fo
Mohammed Ibrahim	34	M, F	Cape C
Daniel Lang	42	D	Frankfu
Victor Akoum	43	D	Edmonte
Gabriel Fernnandez	44	D, M	Port Ore
Stephane Njike	77	F	Strasbo

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#### College

University of Vermont **Providence** College University of Maryland Wake Forest Virginia Commonwealth **UNC** Greensboro **Providence College** Virginia Tech University of South Carolina **Boston College Ohio State University Creighton University** University of Vermont **UNC** Greensboro Drake University **Boston University** University of Vermont University of Vermont Georgetown **Providence** College University of Maryland Indiana University San Diego State University of Washington San Diego State **UNC** Greensboro University of Connecticut Georgetown Virginia Commonwealth Fordham Indiana University University of Washington Marshall

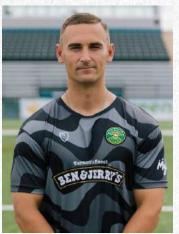
# **COACHES & STAFF**



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



JAKE LUCARELLI Intern



LEON BRODY Intern



#### **PLAYER SPOTLIGHT**

# **JOSEPH UMBERTO PICOTTO**

Standing tall at 6'2", Umberto Piccoto brings strength and vision to Vermont Green FC's midfield. Originally from Turin, Italy, he is the youngest of four siblings and developed his game in the youth systems of Torino FC and FC Pinerolo, even helping his club to a league title.

He continued his career in the U.S., eventually transfering to UMBC as a junior. There he earned Second Team All-America East honors after starting all 19 matches and logging over 1,500 minutes on the pitch. He transferred to the University of Maryland in the spring and will play there next season.



Umberto Piccoto made an instant impact in his debut against FC Laval. Entering as a second-half substitute, he wasted no time finding space behind the defense. He fired home a sharp pass from *Eskil Gjerde*, tucking the ball inside the left post to give Vermont Green its first lead of the match. The dramatic play earned him the first Maple Man of the Match title of the 2025 season.



# **SCHEDULE & RESULTS** 03-00-00



# **COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT** Green Mountain Club

The mission of the Green Mountain Club is to make the Vermont mountains play a larger part in the life of the people by protecting and maintaining the Long Trail System and fostering, through education, the stewardship of Vermont's hiking trails and mountains.

The Green Mountain Club was founded in 1910 with one goal: to build a long-distance hiking trail that spans the length of Vermont's mountains. The first of its kind, the Long Trail was built as a "footpath in the wilderness" for hikers to experience Vermont's natural beauty. The trail later served as the inspiration for the creation of the Appalachian Trail.

Over the years, the Green Mountain Club has evolved as an organization to manage and maintain more than just the Long Trail. We have staff and volunteers that care for roughly 500 miles of trail in Vermont, including the Appalachian Trail in Vermont; Kingdom Heritage Lands trails in the Northeast Kingdom; and the Long Trail and its side trails.

Working on the trails is a dynamic process as we adapt to changes in use and the climate and the resulting impacts



to the trail and the hiking season. GMC's programs have the hiker in mind; both to maintain the trails and shelters and to support the hiking community by investing in resources for all to enjoy Vermont's hiking trails.





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, Guayaki is a certified B Corp that uses business as a force for good by supporting the environment, people and communities.



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.



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.



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 <u>www.greenmtnsolar.com</u> 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**



















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## 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.

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.

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**JUBA STAR FC** 



## 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.

## ANTI RACIST SOCCER CLUB

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# **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.



## **ENVIORNMENTAL 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, <u>www.vermontgreenfc.com/mission</u>.

#### **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 ENVIORNMENTAL 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 dropoffs. 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.

**MATCHDAY PROGRAM** 

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THE GREEN



# 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 <u>website</u> 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 wina prize that will be announced at during the match. Today's prize...A Bivo water bottle!







# **ABOUTUSL2**

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**

