



& VERMONT GREEN FC
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CLUB NEWS



VERMONT GREEN BLANKS DEFENDING NATIONAL CHAMPIONS IN STATEMENT 4-0 WIN

On Saturday night, May 31st, USL League Two 2024 National Champions and back-to-back-to-back Northeast Division winners Seacoast United Phantoms made their annual 3-hour trip to Virtue Field. Fans have come to know the nature of this matchup and it was expected to be a hard fought battle of a budding rivalry.

Vermont Green Head Coach Chris Taylor rolled out a strong starting XI for the Twin State Derby, anchored by University of Vermont's national champion goalkeeper, Niklas Herceg.

Despite the heavy rain, the Green came out of the gate with intent and control, flying up the wings and levying a handful of heavy tackles on the champions. In just the 5th minute, David Ajagbe split two defenders on the left wing and tucked the ball into the far corner of the net from a difficult angle, lighting a fire that would burn through the night. His scoring began a consistent onslaught and three other players would also find their way onto the score sheet (Tattevin, Zengue, and Gjerde). The Vermonters saw the match out in professional fashion, solidifying a 4-0 win and moving into first place in the Northeast Division with 9 points and zero goals conceded after three league matches.

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IT WAS AN INCREDIBLE TEAM PERFORMANCE. THE COMMITMENT TO THE GAME PLAN AND THE OFF-THE-BALL WORK WAS SO IMPRESSIVE. THE PLAYERS SHOWED THAT THEY WOULD PUT THE TEAM OBJECTIVES ABOVE THEMSELVES AND THEY FED OFF EACH OTHERS DETERMINATION.

Chris Taylor, Head Coach
on the team's performance in Saturday's game



TODAY'S MATCHUP

Vermont Green FC vs. Juba Star

Monday, June 2, 2025

7:00pm Kickoff

Vermont Green FC has announced the addition of 10 local players for Monday night's community friendly match against Juba Star FC. Assistant Coach Jed Sass—who hails from White River Junction, VT—will step into the role of head coach for the match.

PREVIEWING JUBA STAR

Juba Star Football Club is a Somali Bantu-led organization that has been operating 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 club has expanded over the years, hosting players who have immigrated from Somalia, Kenya, Tanzania, Yemen, Nepal, Sudan, Burundi, as well as players born in the United States. The organization runs free soccer clubs for youth and adults, ages 14 and older, and provides assistance with transportation to games and practices, which can often be a significant barrier to participation in immigrant communities.

Juba Star FC have won the local Elite 11 league title on multiple occasions, and travel the country competing in tournaments. The Juba matchday roster will likely feature multiple familiar faces, and fans can expect a high level of talent on display.

The 2025 edition of the annual community friendly is presented by Ben & Jerry's for the fourth season running.

"Our work alongside Juba Star FC and the Somali Bantu Community Association of Vermont continues to be one of the cornerstones of our club. This match is just one part of our joint effort to expand access to soccer in our community, and we're so pleased to continue this tradition in 2025." said Patrick Infurna, Vermont Green FC co-founder. "Ben & Jerry's have been an active and engaged partner since our club's inaugural season, and their eagerness to support this match particularly, and the work around it, is something we're incredibly grateful for."

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

MAHARAJA SPICE



CHURCH STREET CHEESESTEAKS



JILIB JIBLETS



MERCH SPOTLIGHT

The Green Crest Cap

The Green Crest Cap, made in collaboration with Coal Headwear, features 100% recycled polyester throughout, including a moisture-wicking sweatband and recycled bill insert. Finished with a woven patch and adjustable plastic fastener, it's a sustainable staple built for everyday wear.

\$35



MON. JUNE 2, 2025
7:00 PM

VERMONT GREEN FC
vs JUBA STAR FC



SAWIN



LABOVITZ



JARIDLY



NENNINGER



COLLIER



COMBE



LAJHAR



SWETT



MARSHALL



VASSILIOU



BRODY



30. SWEATMAN, 38. WATSON, 41. BROWN 45. ALFANI,
47. LAUNDREE, 51. S.IBRAHIM, 79. PAGANINI



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 Fernandez	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

JULIEN LE BOURDOULOUS

The commanding French midfielder brings creativity, control, and a proven playmaking touch to the Green this summer. Le Bourdoulous joins Vermont Green FC following a spring transfer to UNC Greensboro after an impressive season with Kansas City, where he was the engine behind the Roos' Summit League championship run.

In 2023, Le Bourdoulous started 20 matches and set a single-season program record with 12 assists—good for fourth in the entire NCAA. His standout performances earned him Summit League Tournament MVP, First Team All-Summit League honors, and a spot on the Summit League Newcomer Team. He also shined in the classroom, landing on the Summit League Academic Honor Roll.

Before coming to the U.S., Julien developed his game at Lannion FC in France.



SCHEDULE & RESULTS

05-00-00

MAY

 HOME  AWAY

MAY 18 AT BOSTON CITY FC 2-0	MAY 21 AT BOSTON BOLTS 2-0	MAY 24 VS FC LAVAL 4-2	MAY 27 VS PROVIDENCE CITY 9-0	MAY 31 VS SEACOAST 4-0
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JUNE

JUNE 2 VS JUBA STAR 7 PM	JUNE 4 AT ALBANY RUSH 7 PM	JUNE 7 VS BOSTON BOLTS 7 PM	JUNE 10 AT BLACK ROCK FC 7 PM	JUNE 11 VS FLOWER CITY 1872 7 PM
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TODAY'S MATCH

JUNE 14 VS AS BLAINVILLE 6 PM	JUNE 17 VS WESTERN MASS 7 PM	JUNE 21 VS AC CONNECTICUT 6 PM	JUNE 24 AT AC CONNECTICUT 7 PM	JUNE 28 VS NEW ENGLAND FC 6 PM
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JULY

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

KING STREET CENTER

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT *King Street Center*

Founded 53 years ago, King Street Center serves approximately 180 youth annually ages 18 months to 18 years old Monday-Friday, year-round through our 5-STAR Head Start Early Education, K-5, Middle School, High School, Mentor, and Family Support programs. Our Early Education classrooms operate full days, while our K-12 programs operate during the critical hours of afterschool and for full day programming when schools are not in session. We provide a safe space where children and youth can find nourishment, academic enrichment, recreational activities, social-emotional support, safe friendships, positive adult-relationships, and guidance throughout adolescence so they may thrive into adulthood.

King Street Center serves youth and their families experiencing economic insecurity and systemic marginalization, with an emphasis on people from the global majority and immigrant or refugee communities in Burlington. Many of our students grow up at King Street Center, starting in Early Ed or Afterschool and continuing their journey with us up through high school.



Many of the families we serve have experienced great hardship and are deeply committed to ensuring their children have more opportunities and success than they and their parents were able to have. From growing up in generational poverty and the trauma that comes with it, to being forced to leave their home country, King Street Center is passionate about being a partner to families and empowering youth to explore their talents and find their voice through learning, play, and opportunity. Especially important to us, is that we do this work through an equity lens and that our work is not only focused on youth, but incorporates their vision and voice into our programming. With our holistic approach of serving the whole child, which means ensuring their families are supported and basic needs are being met at home, our work touches the lives of over 450 community members each year.

OUR PARTNERS



Yerba Madre (formerly Guayaki 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.



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.

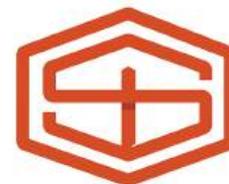


ZERO GRAVITY
BURLINGTON · VERMONT

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 today to set up your free consultation with one of our Solar Advisors!



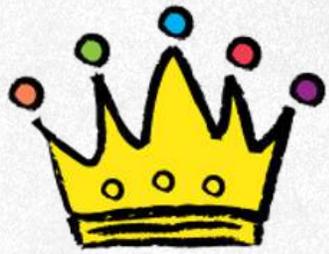
TWIN STATE
BASEMENT SERVICES

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**

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

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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.

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



Vermont's Finest
BEN & JERRY'S
Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough
Vanilla Ice Cream with Gobs of Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough

Vermont's Finest
BEN & JERRY'S
Half Baked
Chocolate & Vanilla Ice Creams with Gobs of Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough & Fudge Brownies

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

