



★ VERMONT GREEN FC ★

VS. BLACK ROCK FC

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# CLUB NEWS

## PREGO AND MCCANN RETURN, ARMELLINO JOINS

Vermont Green FC Sporting Director Adam Pfeifer has announced the addition of three players to the squad before the USL League Two transfer deadline:

Bernardo Prego has returned to Vermont from his native Portugal. The skillful right back played 22 matches for Vermont Green FC in 2023 and 2024, including in the U.S. Open Cup. He played collegiately at Franklin Pierce and Providence College. He will wear the number 42.

Sam McCann—who played for the Green in 2022 and 2023 before spending 2024 and 2025 with AC Connecticut—returns to Vermont. McCann played in seven competitive matches for the Green, scoring three goals. In 2024, the speedy striker had 12 league goals for AC CT, good for fifth best in the nation. He will wear the number 45.

Also transferring from AC Connecticut is Gianluca Armellino. A product of the New England Revolution Academy, and a current University of Vermont student-athlete, Armellino appeared in 4 matches for AC CT. He will wear #29 for the Green.

The transfer deadline has now passed for acquiring players from within League Two, but the club has until Sunday, July 13th at 11:59pm EST to sign unaffiliated players.

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**Matthew Wolff, Co-Founder**  
*on Vermont Green’s Home Match Sell-Outs*

## FINAL MATCH FAN BUS

Vermont Green FC currently sit atop the Northeast Division table with three matches to go and Western Mass Pioneers hot on their tail. The Green will close out the regular season on the road at Western Mass’ historic Lusitano Stadium on July 11.

Fans of the Green have organized a bus to the Western Mass match that will depart Burlington at noon. For just \$36, fans can enjoy a meal, a ticket to the match, and a seat on the bus.

You can secure your spot by [registering here.](#)



# TODAY'S MATCHUP

## Vermont Green FC vs. Black Rock FC

Saturday, July 5, 2025

7:00pm Kickoff

Vermont Green FC are preparing for another sold out crowd this weekend as Black Rock FC visit Burlington on Saturday, July 5th at 7:00pm. The Green clinched a spot in the 2025 USL League Two Playoffs on Wednesday, and now have eyes on the Northeast Division title.

### HISTORY

Vermont Green FC and Black Rock FC have played seven matches in four seasons, including Vermont's first ever home match in 2022.

The Green have gotten the best of the roving Black Rock, who have had four homes in three states in the past five seasons. While Vermont are 5-1 against the New Hampshire outfit, Black Rock have regularly made things difficult for the Vermonters, including a 1-0 win in Lake Placid in 2022, and a hard-fought match at Virtue Field in 2023 that required some late Jake Ashford heroics for the Green to secure all three points.

Most recently, the Green visited Nashua, NH on June 10th and came home with a 2-0 victory, courtesy of goals from Marcell Papp and Joseph Picotto.

### BLACK ROCK IN FOCUS

Black Rock FC was founded in 2013, with a base of operations in Great Barrington, MA. The developmental club has had great success producing talent, including the likes of Leeds United and Everton star Jack Harrison.

They joined USL League Two in 2018, and were crowned champions of the Northeast Division in their first season. Since then, the club has moved home stadiums frequently throughout the Northeast, including a stint at Manchester, VT's Applejack Stadium.

In 2024, Black Rock FC finished ninth in the Northeast Division with just 2 points, but have bounced back in 2025. Currently, they sit in third place in the Northeast Division with a 5W-2L-4T record, and are in the hunt for a wildcard playoff berth. Expect the New Hampshire side to come out swinging at Virtue Field on Saturday.

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

## SUSTAINABLE EATS FOOD TRUCK

### MAHARAJA SPICE



### SABAH HOUSE



## MERCH SPOTLIGHT

### The Classic Black Tee

The Black Classic Tee is made from 50% recycled polyester and 50% upcycled cotton. No dyes or additives were used, and all of the color comes from upcycled cotton scraps.

**\$25**

SAT. JULY 5, 2025  
7:00 PM

VERMONT GREEN FC  
vs BLACK ROCK FC



LABOVITZ



ZELLEFROW



ZENGUE



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LE BOURDOULOUS



RIVED



FERNANDEZ



MARSHALL



M.NDIAYE



PREGO



HERCEG



22. MICHEL, 7. PARRISH, 10. EKELAND, 11. AJAGBE, 12. O'MALLEY  
24. HALL, 26. TATTEVIN, 29. ARMELLINO, 45. McCANN



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
Brandon Parrish	7	M	Nashville, TN	Clemson University
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	Bjoa, 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	West Hartford, CT	Providence College
Joseph Umberto Picotto	21	M	Turin, Italy	University of Maryland
Judewellin Michel	22	GK	Montreal, Quebec	Indiana University
Nathan Simeon	23	D	Montreal, Quebec	Univeristy of Vermont
Alexander Hall	24	M, F	Renton, WA	University of Washington
Romme Jaridly	25	F	Chino Hills, CA	San Diego State
Arnaud Tattevin	26	F	Rennes, France	UNC Greensboro
Ryan Zellefrow	27	M	Berwyn, PA	University of Vermont
Ayoub Lajhar	28	D, M	Dernah, Libya	University of Connecticut
Gianluca Armellino	29	M, F	Milford, CT	University of Vermont
Tenzing Manske	31	GK	Santa Fe, NM	Georgetown
Leon Brody	33	GK	Candiac, Quebec	Middlebury
Mohammed Ibrahim	34	M, F	Cape Coast, Ghana	Virginia Commonwealth
Will Sawin	35	F	Stonington, CT	Middlebury
Bernardo Prego	42	D	Evora, Portugal	Providence College
Victor Akoum	43	D	Edmonton, Canada	Indiana University
Gabriel Fernandez	44	D, M	Port Orchard, WA	University of Washington
Sam McCann	45	F	Stamford, CT	Sacred Heart University
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



**ROBERT EMMETT**  
Goalkeeper Coach



**HANNAH TREMEL**  
Athletic Trainer



**MAHDER TEFERRA**  
Matchday Lead



**ALLISON OUELLETTE**  
Digital Media



**CARTER FRANCISKOVICH**  
Merchandise



**LEON BRODY**  
Merchandise



**JAKE LUCARELLI**  
Ticketing



**AINSLEY HUBBARD**  
Ticketing



## PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

# BRANDON MARSHALL

New to the club this season but making a big impact, Brandon Marshall brings grit, determination, and a work ethic that mirrors his veteran defensive partner, Moussa Ndiaye. In his seven starts with the Green this season, totaling 633 minutes, the 19-year-old has quickly proven he belongs. A composed and intelligent center back, Marshall is one to watch as he continues to grow.

The Wake Forest, N.C. native comes to Vermont after a strong sophomore season at Providence College, where he helped guide the Friars to a Big East Regular Season Co-Championship. Marshall made 21 appearances, including nine starts, and recorded a game-winning assist in the Big East Semifinal against St. John's. He logged an impressive 1,760 minutes during the season, showing consistency and reliability on the back line.

A product of Charlotte FC and North Carolina FC's development systems, Marshall brings both professional academy experience and collegiate success to the squad. At 6-foot-2, he's a physical presence in the box and a steady force under pressure. Now entering his junior year as a Business Economics major at Providence, Marshall is poised to follow in the footsteps of standout defenders before him—and potentially become a fixture at Virtue Field for seasons to come.



# SCHEDULE & RESULTS

14-00-02 // 09-00-02

## MAY

 HOME  AWAY

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

JUNE 2 VS JUBA STAR <b>1-0</b>	JUNE 4 AT ALBANY RUSH <b>4-1</b>	JUNE 7 VS BOSTON BOLTS <b>1-1</b>	JUNE 10 AT BLACK ROCK <b>2-0</b>	JUNE 11 VS FLOWER CITY 1872 <b>4-0</b>
JUNE 14 VS AS BLAINVILLE <b>2-1</b>	JUNE 17 VS WESTERN MASS <b>2-0</b>	JUNE 21 VS AC CONNECTICUT <b>1-0</b>	JUNE 24 AT AC CONNECTICUT <b>0-0</b>	JUNE 28 VS NEW ENGLAND FC <b>5-1</b>

## JULY

JULY 2 AT SEACOAST <b>3-2</b>	JULY 5 VS BLACK ROCK FC <b>7</b> PM	JULY 8 VS ALBANY RUSH <b>7</b> PM	JULY 11 AT WESTERN MASS <b>7:30</b> PM	POST-SEASON DATES TO FOLLOW
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**TODAY'S MATCH**



# COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

## Local Motion

Local Motion is a member-supported non-profit organization working on “Making it safe, accessible, and fun for everyone to bike, walk, and roll in Vermont.” Through the promotion of walking and biking events, the organization of education and training opportunities, giving a voice to bike/pedestrian issues within the statehouse and working with communities to make on-the-ground changes to increase safety for walking and biking - Local Motion is helping Vermont communities to become more walkable, bikeable and livable.

Local Motion was founded in 1999 with a singular (and improbable) goal: to get people on bikes across the mouth of the Winooski River, where the Burlington Bike Path then came to an end.



Since then, we have grown to become Vermont’s statewide advocate for active transportation, vibrant communities, and safe streets. Our mission is simple: Making it safe, accessible, and fun for everyone to bike, walk, and roll in Vermont.

They know there is no one solution that will work for every community.

That’s why their work ranges from on-the-ground advocacy and community organizing and project-specific technical assistance to workshops and classes for all ages and bike-friendly resources for businesses and communities.

## 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.



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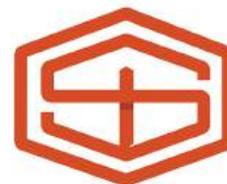


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Zero Gravity Beer has been brewing beautiful and balanced beers since 2004. Based in Burlington, Vermont, we are committed to bringing people together under one common thread: beer.



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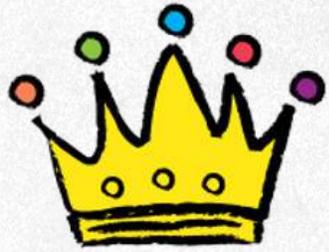
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# OUR PARTNERS



# 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

**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



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

Vermont's Finest  
**BEN & JERRY'S**  
Half Baked  
Chocolate & Vanilla Ice Creams with Gobbs 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

