

VERMONT GREEN FOOTBALL CLUB



VS. ALBANY RUSH - JULY 8TH - VIRTUE FIELD

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CLUB NEWS

PREGO SIGNS PRO CONTRACT IN PORTUGAL

In a distinctly bittersweet change of plans, Vermont Green FC has announced the departure of Bernardo “Benny” Prego. The dynamic right back has signed a professional contract with Lusitano GC in his hometown of Évora, Portugal.

“Benny is a legend at this football club, and while we were excited to have him with us for the home stretch, we could not be happier to see him realize his dream of signing a professional contract,” said Head Coach Chris Taylor. “Helping raise the profile of players so that they reach the next level is such an important aspect of our sporting mission. We are so proud of Benny and grateful for everything he’s given us over the last three seasons.”

The Portuguese right back—a regular starter for the Green in 2023 and 2024—returned to Vermont on July 1st with the intention of being with the club for the remainder of the 2025 season. He participated as a substitute in Vermont Green FC’s 3-2 victory at Seacoast United, and then as a starter in the 3-1 win over Black Rock FC at Virtue Field. After the Black Rock match, his hometown football club officially offered him a professional contract.

Prego played 24 matches in Green across three seasons, dazzled fans with his lightning quick feet, and departs the club as an all-time fan favorite in Burlington.

FINAL MATCH FAN BUS

Vermont Green FC currently sit atop the Northeast Division table with two 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. Albany Rush

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

7:00pm Kickoff

Vermont Green FC will host Albany Rush in the final regular season home match at Virtue Field on Tuesday night. The Vermonters are unbeaten going into the final two matches of the season, but cannot underestimate Albany if the dream of a Northeast Division title is to be realized.

If Vermont Green can collect three points from Albany Rush on Tuesday night, the Boys in Green will need just one point at historic Lusitano Stadium on Friday to lift the division trophy.

HISTORY

The Green and the Rush have played six times dating back to the 2022 season, with the Green coming away victorious in all six meetings. Despite the record heavily favoring Vermont, the matches have typically been close. Vermont's 4-1 away victory in June was the highest scoring matchup between the two sides. Zengue, Aoki, Trimnal, and Labovitz all found the back of the net that evening.

RUSH IN FOCUS

Albany Rush will visit Vermont on Tuesday night in the waning days of a difficult season for them, but no team in the competitive Northeast Division can be overlooked. The New Yorkers are 2-1-9 through and currently sit in eighth place.

ZELLEFLOW FLOW

In Saturday's 3-1 over Black Rock FC, the Green featured University of Vermont players who'd recently returned from the Catamount's summer tour of Germany. One such Cat was national champion and folkloric youngster Ryan Zellefrow, who announced his return to Virtue Field with a working man's goal 22 minutes into the contest.

With Zellefrow and his Catamount teammates making their return, Chris Taylor's options in all sectors of the pitch have been enriched, and number 27 could be a big part of the quest to bring more soccer silverware to the Green Mountain State.

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

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UP THE GREEN!



FOOD VENDORS

SOUTH END SLIDERS



CHURCH STREET CHEESESTEAKS



SABAH HOUSE



MERCH SPOTLIGHT

The Teal Bivo Water Bottle

The first insulated cycling bottle with NASA-level engineering. Keeps drinks cold 12+ hours, features a high-flow nozzle, anti-slip grip, and is 100% lead-free and recyclable

\$50

TUES. JULY 8, 2025
7:00 PM

VERMONT GREEN FC
vs ALBANY RUSH



LABOVITZ



AJAGBE



ZENGUE



MO.IBRA



LE BOURDOULOUS



PARRISH



FERNANDEZ



RIVED



M.NDIAYE



HALL



HERCEG



22. MICHEL, 12. O'MALLEY, 26. TATTEVIN,
27. ZELLEFRON, 35. SAWIN, 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

JACOB LABOVITZ

Jacob Labovitz has quickly become a fan favorite at Vermont Green FC and a key figure in the local soccer community. Originally from Fairfax, Virginia, Labovitz was a standout at Langley High School, where he won two state championships and was named Gatorade Virginia Player of the Year.

He began his college career at Fairleigh Dickinson before transferring to Virginia Tech, where he earned First Team All-ACC and Virginia Collegiate Soccer Player of the Year honors in 2021. After college, he spent two seasons with Greenville Triumph in USL League One, earning Player of the Week honors and setting a league record for most goals in a single week.

Now living in South Burlington, Labovitz brings his passion for the game to both the field and the storefront—he owns and operates Soccer Post Burlington, offering a curated selection of gear and expert advice shaped by his playing career, including a year training with clubs in England and Hungary.

Whether he's scoring goals for Vermont Green or supporting local players through his shop, Labovitz is a true staple of the Burlington soccer scene.



SCHEDULE & RESULTS

15-00-02 // 10-00-02

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

JULY

JULY 2 AT SEACOAST 3-2	JULY 5 VS BLACK ROCK FC 3-1	JULY 8 VS ALBANY RUSH 7 PM	JULY 11 AT WESTERN MASS 7:30 PM	POST-SEASON DATES TO FOLLOW
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JULY 8
VS ALBANY RUSH
7 PM

TODAY'S MATCH

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

ACLU of Vermont



The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Vermont defends and advances civil liberties for all people across a broad range of constitutionally protected rights and freedoms. Founded in 1967 and based in Montpelier, the ACLU of Vermont is the statewide affiliate of the national ACLU, an organization with a presence in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and Washington, DC.

Our efforts are focused on a broad range of issues impacting Vermonters' constitutional rights, including racial justice, criminal legal reform, women's rights, gender justice, LGBTQ rights, disability rights, voting rights, immigrants' rights, freedom of speech, religious liberty, reproductive freedom, privacy, and more.

Integrating litigation, policy advocacy, organizing, public education, and strategic communications, we work to realize Vermont's promise of justice and equality for all people – with special emphasis on those who have historically been denied the full protections of our laws.

In Vermont and across the country, the ACLU fights tirelessly for the principle that every individual's rights must be protected equally under the law, regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, disability, or national origin.



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.

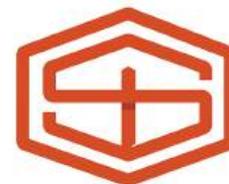


ZERO GRAVITY
BURLINGTON · VERMONT

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!



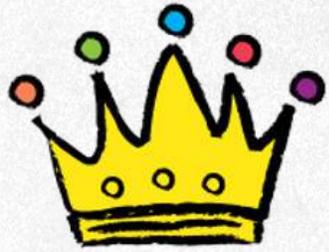
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BASEMENT SERVICES

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

