



# CHARLESTON BATTERY: MATCH NOTES

## INDY ELEVEN v CHARLESTON BATTERY



OCTOBER 8, 2022 | AT INDY ELEVEN | USL CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH #33 | 7:00 PM ET | MICHAEL A. CARROLL STADIUM

### INDY ELEVEN

11-16-5 OVERALL  
8-6-2 HOME  
3-10-3 AWAY

36 GOALS SCORED 51 GOALS CONCEDED

STANDINGS  
**9TH**



PREVIOUS MEETING:  
06/24/2022  
CHS | 3-4 | IND



### CHARLESTON BATTERY

STANDINGS  
**12TH**  
6-20-6 OVERALL  
5-10-1 HOME  
1-10-5 AWAY

39 GOALS SCORED 72 GOALS CONCEDED

REFEREE: CRISTIAN CAMPO | ASSISTANT REFEREE: NICHOLAS BALGER | ASSISTANT REFEREE: MIKE NICKERSON | FOURTH OFFICIAL: YOUSSEF ELMUSSOUSSI

#### CHARLESTON SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Time (EST)	Result
03/12	FC Tulsa	7:00 PM	(W) 1 - 0
03/19	@ Detroit City FC	4:00 PM	(L) 1 - 0
03/27	@ Atlanta United 2	7:30 PM	(L) 4 - 1
04/01	Las Vegas Lights FC	7:00 PM	(L) 1 - 2
04/07	South Georgia Tormenta FC (U.S. Open Cup)	7:00 PM	(L) 0 - 1
04/09	@ San Diego Loyal	10:00 PM	(L) 4 - 1
04/23	Louisville City FC	5:00 PM	(D) 1 - 1
04/27	@ Birmingham Legion FC	8:00 PM	(L) 2 - 1
05/06	Memphis 901 FC	7:00 PM	(L) 0 - 2
05/14	New Mexico United	7:00 PM	(L) 0 - 2
05/21	The Miami FC	7:00 PM	(L) 0 - 4
05/28	@ Loudoun United FC	7:00 PM	(D) 1 - 1
06/04	Indy Eleven	7:00 PM	(L) 3 - 4
06/11	Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC	7:00 PM	(W) 3 - 0
06/18	@ Tampa Bay Rowdies	7:30 PM	(D) 1 - 1
06/25	@ FC Tulsa	8:30 PM	(L) 2 - 1
06/29	Atlanta United 2	7:00 PM	(L) 2 - 3
07/02	@ San Antonio FC	9:00 PM	(L) 2 - 0
07/09	Birmingham Legion FC	7:30 PM	(L) 0 - 3
07/13	@ The Miami FC	7:00 PM	(L) 1 - 0
07/16	Hartford Athletic	7:30 PM	(W) 3 - 1
07/22	@ Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	9:00 PM	(D) 3 - 3
07/30	Sacramento Republic FC	7:30 PM	(L) 2 - 4
08/06	@ Louisville City FC	8:00 PM	(L) 4 - 1
08/12	@ New York Red Bull II	7:00 PM	(W) 1 - 3
08/20	@ LA Galaxy II	10:30 PM	(D) 1 - 1
08/27	Detroit City FC	8:00 PM	(L) 0 - 3
08/31	@ Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC	7:00 PM	(D) 0 - 0
09/03	New York Red Bull II	7:00 PM	(W) 3 - 0
09/10	Tampa Bay Rowdies	7:00 PM	(W) 2 - 1
09/16	@ Memphis 901 FC	8:00 PM	(L) 5 - 0
09/23	Rio Grande Valley Toros FC	7:00 PM	(L) 0 - 3
10/01	@ Hartford Athletic	7:00 PM	(L) 6 - 3
10/08	@ Indy Eleven	7:00 PM	
10/15	Loudoun United FC	5:00 PM	

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#### WHAT TO WATCH FOR

The Charleston Battery travel to Indianapolis this weekend for a Saturday duel with Indy Eleven. Kickoff at IUPUI Michael A. Carroll Stadium is set for 7 p.m. ET.

Charleston will look to avenge their earlier defeat against Indy back in June, a 3-4 result. The match was ultimately decided by a 17-minute window in the first half when Indy struck four times against the Battery's lone goal that half, by Augi Williams. Williams and EJ Johnson would score in the waning moments of the second half, but it was too little, too late in the end.

Indy enter October 8's match after falling at home, 2-4, to FC Tulsa. Indy's Ayoze notched a pair of goals during the match. However, it was not enough to overcome Tulsa's four goals. The result snapped a four-game win streak at home for the Eleven.

The Battery brought plenty of offense in their last match but were on the losing end of a dramatic 6-3 away result against Hartford. Hartford scored three in the first half but the Battery responded quickly with a pair of goals after halftime from Andrew Booth and Aidan Apodaca. Augi Williams tacked on a third later in the half, assisted by debutant Fidel Barajas.

Saturday won't be the first away match against Indy for Charleston but it will be the first at IUPUI Michael A. Carroll Stadium. The previous fixtures were played at Lucas Oil Stadium.

Geobel Perez is poised to reach the half-century mark of Battery appearances on Saturday. He currently sits at 49 matches played since first arriving in 2021.



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#### BRAND GUIDELINES



CHARLESTONBATTERY

On first reference, use *Charleston Battery*.  
On following references, either *The Battery*, *The Black and Yellow* or *Charleston* is acceptable.  
*Charleston Battery FC* or *SC* are incorrect and should be avoided.

For scoreboards or other abbreviations,  
*CHS* is the correct tricode.  
*CHA*, *CHR*, *BAT*, and any other abbreviations are incorrect.

The Battery play their home matches at Patriots Point in Mount Pleasant, S.C.

It is correct to say the team plays in *Charleston*, at *Patriots Point*, or in *Mount Pleasant, S.C.*

The Charleston Battery club name refers to the Battery of Charleston, which is the landmark defensive seawall and promenade in Charleston, S.C., that stretches through the Charleston peninsula.

*Not to be referred in any way with a cell battery of any kind.*

# 2022 CHARLESTON BATTERY TECHNICAL STAFF



## CONOR CASEY HEAD COACH

Casey became just the sixth head coach in the club's 30-year history. He took the helm of the Battery ahead of the 2022 season after an illustrious career as both a player and coach across all levels of professional soccer. Throughout his young career, Casey had the opportunity to learn first-hand from the likes of Jürgen Klopp, Ralf Rangnik, Bruce Arena and Bob Bradley. Following his successful playing career, Casey returned to his hometown club, the Colorado Rapids, in 2017 as an assistant coach. In 2019, Casey was named interim head coach of the MLS club after an 0-7-2 start and led the team to a 7-7-4 record thereafter, including a seven-game unbeaten run.



## DENNIS SANCHEZ ASSISTANT COACH

Sanchez arrived in Charleston after previously being head of the Sacramento Republic FC academy the last two seasons. There, he led the U14 and U17 squads as head coach and served as an assistant coach for the senior team. Sanchez helped 15 academy players make their professional debuts at Sacramento from 2020 to 2021. Prior to joining the Republic, Sanchez tenured as the academy general manager for the Columbus Crew from 2016 to 2020 and has gained coaching experience at the professional and collegiate level, in the U.S. and abroad.



## CHRIS DUVALL ASSISTANT COACH

Duvall joined the Battery's technical staff following an eight-year playing career as a defender in Major League Soccer, notably with New York Red Bulls and Montréal Impact. Duvall acquired silverware via winning the MLS Supporters' Shield in 2015 with New York and the MLS is Back Tournament in 2020 with the Portland Timbers. Before going pro, the Georgia native played collegiately at Wake Forest from 2010 to 2013. The assistant role with the Battery marks Duvall's debut into coaching as he brings a valued perspective to the staff as a recent former player.



## BRIAN JONES GOALKEEPER COACH

Jones joined the Black and Yellow with a wealth of goalkeeping knowledge as both a player and a coach. A St. Louis native, Jones played professionally for Sint-Niklaas in Belgium, Olivais-Moscavide in Portugal, and the Kansas City Wizards of MLS. Following his playing career, Jones coached seven years at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE) as the goalkeeper coach and eventually co-head coach. With the Cougars, Jones mentored keeper John Berner to two conference goalkeeper of the year awards and a 35th overall selection in the 2014 MLS SuperDraft. Following his time with SIUE, Jones served as the goalkeeper coach for USL Championship side St. Louis FC from 2015 to 2020.



## HANNA GARDNER HEAD OF SPORTS SCIENCE AND PERFORMANCE

Gardner arrived in Charleston to direct the squad's sports performance, encompassing strength and conditioning, nutrition, injury prevention, and fitness. Prior to the Battery, Gardner served as the high performance coach for the Kansas City Current of the NWSL in their inaugural season. Following her arrival midway through the season, the club saw a drastic reduction in the number of unavailable athletes from non-contact injuries. Gardner also worked with North Carolina FC as a sports data analyst for the first team and head coach in their youth sector from 2019 to 2021. Gardner played collegiately at UNC-Chapel Hill where she helped the Tar Heels win the national championship in 2012 and later earned her master's degree in kinesiology from UNC-Greensboro.



## BOBBY WEISENBERGER HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER

## 2022 CHARLESTON BATTERY ROSTER & PRONOUNCIATION GUIDE

1.	Joe Kuzminsky	GK	6-4	Kooz-men-skee	Denver, CO
2.	Benji Ettienne	D	6-0	Ben-Gee / EE-Tee-En	St. George's, Grenada
3.	Patrick Hogan	D	6-4		Charlotte, NC
4.	Brett St. Martin	D	6-2		Mount Airy, MD
5.	Leland Archer	D	6-4	Lee-Land	Port of Spain, Trinidad
6.	Robbie Crawford	M	5-8		Greenock, Scotland
7.	Andrew Booth	M	5-11		Kingston, Jamaica
8.	Dominic Oduro	M	5-7	Oh-Dur-Oh	Accra, Ghana
9.	Augustine Williams	F	6-2		Freetown, Sierra Leone
10.	Romario Piggott	M	5-9	Pig-Uht	Panama City, Panama
11.	Fidel Barajas	M	5-9	Buh-Ra-Haas	Sacramento, CA
12.	Geobel Perez Jr.	M	5-8	Yuh-vel	Havana, Cuba
13.	Matt Sheldon	D	6-0		Portland, OR
15.	Joe Schmidt	M	5-9	Shh-Mit	Bainbridge Twonship, OH
17.	Aidan Apodaca	F	5-7	Ah-Puh-Dock-Uh	Rancho Cucamonga, CA
19.	DZ Harmon	M	6-1		Loganville, GA
20.	AJ Paterson	D	6-2		Key Largo, FL
21.	Enock Kwakwa	M	5-5	Ee-nock / Kwah-Kwah	Accra, Ghana
23.	Preston Kilwien	D	6-4	Kill-Wine	Pleasant Hills, CA
24.	Mauro Cichero	F	6-2	Seh-Chair-Oh	Norman, OK
25.	Alexander Dexter	F	5-8		Brooklyn, NY
26.	Charlie Asensio	D	5-9	ah-SEHN-see-oh	Roswell, GA
27.	Avionne Flanagan	D	5-11	Aye-vee-on	Baltimore, MD
28.	Joel Bunting	F	5-11		Charleston, SC
29.	Caden Theobald	M	5-8		Charleston, SC
30.	Hugo Fauroux	GK	6-0	Fuh-Row	Cannes, France
31.	Daniel Kuzemka	GK	6-1	Kooz-Em-Kuh	Clifton, VA

## 2022 CHARLESTON BATTERY USL CHAMPIONSHIP HONORS

Augustine Williams - TOTW Week 1  
(Honorable Mention)

Joe Kuzminsky - TOTW Week 12  
(Honorable Mention)

Joe Kuzminsky - Save of the Week - Week 12  
(Winner)

Andrew Booth - TOTW Week 14

Romario Piggott - TOTW Week 14  
(Honorable Mention)

AJ Paterson - TOTW Week 15  
(Honorable Mention)

Geobel Perez - Goal of the Week - Week 18  
(Winner)

Augustine Williams - Player of the Month - June  
(Nominee)

Augustine Williams - TOTW Week 19  
(Honorable Mention)

Geobel Perez Jr. - TOTW Week 20

AJ Paterson - TOTW Week 20  
(Honorable Mention)

AJ Paterson - Goal of the Week - Week 20  
(Winner)

Hugo Fauroux - Save of the Week - Week 22  
(Winner)

Romario Piggott - TOTW Week 26

Hugo Fauroux - Save of the Month - August

Andrew Booth - TOTW Week 27  
(Honorable Mention)

## 2022 CHARLESTON BATTERY LAST MATCH STATISTICS LEADERS



VS



**GOALS SCORED**      **1**

ANDREW BOOTH  
AIDAN APODACA  
AUGUSTINE WILLIAMS

**ASSISTS**              **1**

ROMARIO PIGGOTT  
LELAND ARCHER  
FIDEL BARAJAS

**SHOTS**                 **4**

AIDAN APODACA  
ANDREW BOOTH

**CHANCES CREATED**   **4**

DZ HARMON

**SAVES MADE**         **3**

DANIEL KUZEMKA

## 2022 CHARLESTON BATTERY TEAM LEADERS

CATEGORY	NUMBER OF	NAME
GOALS SCORED	15	AUGUSTINE WILLIAMS
ASSISTS	5	ROBBIE CRAWFORD
SHOTS	75	AUGUSTINE WILLIAMS
CHANCES CREATED	29	AIDAN APODACA
YELLOW CARDS	12	ROMARIO PIGGOTT
RED CARDS	2	MATT SHELDON, DZ HARMON
SAVE PERCENTAGE	63.1%	HUGO FAUROUX
MINUTES PLAYED	2,564	AUGUSTINE WILLIAMS

ALL STATS PROVIDED BY USLCHAMPIONSHIP.COM

# CHARLESTON BATTERY USL SEASON STATISTICS

PLAYER	GP-GS	MINUTES	GOALS	ASSISTS	YC	RC	SAVES	CONCEDED	CS
AIDAN APODACA	31-16	1,483	6	2	7	-			
AJ PATERSON	21-19	1,698	-	-	7	-			
ALEXANDER DEXTER*	13-4	503	1	-	1	-			
ANDREW BOOTH	22-18	1,494	4	4	3	-			
AUGUSTINE WILLIAMS	30-29	2,564	15	3	4	-			
AVIONNE FLANAGAN	9-7	606	-	-	1	-			
BENJI ETTIENNE	4-3	163	-	-	-	-			
BRETT ST. MARTIN	11-8	739	-	1	1	-			
CADEN THEOBALD	1-0	4	-	-	-	-			
CHARLIE ASENSIO	13-11	927	-	2	1	-			
DOMINIC ODURO	25-16	1,321	-	-	5	-			
DZ HARMON	24-13	1,134	-	1	3	2			
ENOCK KWAKWA	17-13	1,075	2	1	3	1			
FIDEL BARAJAS	1-0	19	-	-	-	-			
GEORGE PEREZ JR.	26-10	1,037	2	2	4	-			
HUGO FAUROUX	21-21	1,890	-	-	2	-	77	45	2
JOE KUZMINSKY	8-8	720	1	-	1	-	23	17	1
JOEL BUNTING	-	-	-	-	-	-			
JOSEPH SCHMIDT	20-18	1,585	-	-	3	-			
LELAND ARCHER	26-26	2,271	-	1	7	1			
MATT SHELDON	29-27	2,325	-	2	7	2			
MAURO CICHERO	24-16	1,299	3	1	8	1			
PATRICK HOGAN	12-7	691	1	-	2	-			
PRESTON KILWIEN	27-23	2,023	-	-	7	-			
ROBBIE CRAWFORD*	22-16	1,448	-	5	5	2			
ROMARIO PIGGOTT	27-19	1,603	3	4	12	-			
DANIEL KUZEMKA	3-3	607	-	-	-	-	9	10	1

\*STATS CARRY OVER FROM PREVIOUS CLUB

\*\*PLAYER CURRENTLY ON LOAN WITH ANOTHER CLUB

## CHARLESTON BATTERY INJURIES / TEAM NEWS

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Joe Schmidt - Out  
 Joe Kuzminsky - Out  
 Brett St. Martin - Out

Preston Kilwien - Out - Suspension

# 2022 CHARLESTON BATTERY PLAYER BIOS



## #1 JOE KUZMINSKY GOALKEEPER

Joe Kuzminsky enters his sixth season with the Battery in 2022 as the longest-tenured player on the roster. Joe Kuzminsky became only the second goalkeeper to score a goal during the Battery's 1-1 draw at Louisville United FC on May 28, 2022.

The accolades continued to rack up when Joe won his third-straight USL Championship Fans' Choice Save of the Year award. The goalkeeper was also named Player of the Week for Week 14, earned two Save of the Month honors (September and October), and tallied four Save of the Week nods (Weeks 5, 14, 21, 25). Joe recorded his 100th appearance for the Charleston Battery across all competitions in the Battery's 1-1 draw against Louisville City FC on Saturday, April 23.



## #30 HUGO FAUROUX GOALKEEPER

Hugo Fauroux enters his first season with the Black and Yellow. Fauroux notched his second clean sheet of the season in the Battery's 3-0 victory over New York Red Bulls II on September 3. A native of Cannes, France, the 25-year-old spent the 2021 season with Austin Bold FC, making five appearances in the USL Championship with the capital club. Before joining Austin, Fauroux made his professional debut with Norwegian side Valdres FK in 2019, featuring in eight games.



## #2 BENJI ETTIENNE DEFENDER

Benjamin "Benji" Ettienne enters his first season with the Black and Yellow after signing with the Battery ahead of the 2022 season.

Ettienne has made five appearances with the Grenada national team, debuting the Spice Boys during the Concacaf qualifiers for the 2022 FIFA World Cup against the U.S. Virgin Islands on March 30, 2021. In total, he's appeared in two World Cup qualifiers and three Gold Cup matches.

The defender's versatility on the right side has seen him positioned in the midfield in addition to the back line.



## #3 PATRICK HOGAN DEFENDER

Hogan enters his second season with the Black and Yellow following his rookie campaign in 2021.

Pat headed in his second goal of his professional career off of Robbie Crawford's corner kick in the Battery's 1-1 draw against LA Galaxy II on August 20.

Hogan developed into a key piece in his first season in the pro ranks after a stand-out career at UNC Charlotte. The defender joined the club in the early stages of the 2021 regular season, making his professional debut on June 8, a 0-1 away victory over Loudoun United FC. Hogan appeared in 23 games (20 starts) and logged 1,727 in action. He led the team in blocks (16) and registered the second-most clearances (62).



## #4 BRETT ST. MARTIN DEFENDER

Brett St. Martin enters his first season with the Black and Yellow in 2022. St. Martin signed his first professional contract ahead of the regular season kicking off. The 22-year-old arrived in the Lowcountry after previously being selected 50th overall by Sporting Kansas City in the 2022 MLS SuperDraft. St. Martin made his debut with the Battery on Saturday, March 12 in the Battery's 1-0 victory over FC Tulsa. He also helped the Black and Yellow secure a clean sheet in their 1-0 victory over FC Tulsa on Saturday, March 12. A native of Mount Airy, Maryland, St. Martin was a two-time All-Big Ten selection and two-time captain of the Terps. He appeared in 61 matches during his career with Maryland, developing into an anchor of the team's back line at both center back and right back.



## #5 LELAND ARCHER DEFENDER

Leland enters his fifth season with the Battery. Archer helped the Black and Yellow secure a clean sheet in their 1-0 victory over FC Tulsa on Saturday, March 12.

The defender anchored the Battery back line in 2021, often donning the captain's armband throughout the year. Archer led the team with 121 clearances in just 22 matches. That mark put him seventh-best in the league in clearances. Leland additionally tallied his first two career professional goals during the season. The first one came at home on September 22 against New York Red Bulls II and the second was scored the following match on September 25 away against Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC.



# 2022 CHARLESTON BATTERY PLAYER BIOS (CONT...)



## #13 MATT SHELDON

### DEFENDER

Matt Sheldon enters his first season with the Black and Yellow after signing with the club in December 2021. He brings with him bags of experience and marks the first new player signing by Head Coach Conor Casey. Sheldon helped the Black and Yellow secure a clean sheet in their 1-0 victory over FC Tulsa on Saturday, March 12. Sheldon arrives in Charleston following a three-year tenure with FC Tulsa where he became a staple to the Oklahoma outfit's back line and helped lead the team to their second-straight playoff appearance. The 6-0 defender logged 2,523 minutes played in 2021, the second-most on the team.



## #20 AJ PATERSON

### DEFENDER

A strong, attacking wing back, AJ Paterson is back for his fourth season in Black and Yellow.

Paterson scored his first goal of the season from a sensational free-kick against Colorado Springs on June 22. AJ's goal was also nominated for Goal of the Week for Week 20.

AJ was key piece throughout the 2021 season, appearing in 23 matches (22) starts while handling action for both club and country. The Grenadian international led the Battery in aerial duels won (45) and tallied the second-most interceptions (39). He additionally registered 16 chances created.



## #23 PRESTON KILWIEN

### DEFENDER

Preston Kilwien (KILL-wine) enters his first season with the Battery after signing with the Black and Yellow in December 2021 ahead of the 2022 season. Kilwien helped the Black and Yellow secure a clean sheet in their 1-0 victory over FC Tulsa on Saturday, March 12.

The 25-year-old defender arrives in Charleston following a season with fellow black and yellow side Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC, and has three years of professional experience under his belt. Kilwien appeared in 30 matches for the Hounds and was an integral part of their stingy back line that helped them secure a spot in the 2021 Playoffs. Kilwien became particularly familiar with the Battery as an opponent, and he looks forward to being on the same side as those former tough adversaries.



## #6 ROBBIE CRAWFORD

### MIDFIELDER

Robbie Crawford enters his third season with the Black and Yellow after re-joining the team halfway through 2022 via transfer from Monterey Bay FC. Crawford was a key figure for the Battery from 2020 to 2021, featuring in 41 matches, before signing with Monterey in the offseason. During his original two-year tenure with the Battery, Crawford was an engine in the midfield and racked up three goals, one assist, 47 chances created, 46 interceptions, 50 tackles won and 146 duels won. Before moving Stateside, Crawford rose through the ranks for the Scottish giants Rangers FC, from the academy to the first team. Robbie made 57 total appearances for Rangers from 2012 to 2016, scoring 7 goals and adding 6 assists.



## #7 ANDREW BOOTH

### MIDFIELDER

Andrew Booth enters his first season with the Black and Yellow after being signed to the roster ahead of the 2022 season. Booth's two-goal performance helped the Battery defeat Tampa Bay 2-1 on September 10. The 24-year-old midfielder arrives in Charleston following a successful two-year stint with Greenville Triumph SC, where he was a USL League One champion in 2020 and helped lead the squad to the 2021 League One Final. 2021 was a breakout season for the Jamaican American as he notched numerous personal career highs. Booth made 29 appearances across all competitions last season, second-most on the team, for a total of 2,019 minutes played. He led the Triumph in tackles won with 40 and co-led in assists with three.



## #8 DOMINIC ODURO

### MIDFIELDER

Dominic Oduro enters his first season with the Black and Yellow after signing with the club ahead of the 2022 season.

The 26-year-old defensive midfielder arrived in Charleston after spending the 2021 season with Memphis 901 FC, where he made 30 appearances and logged 2,145 minutes played. Oduro tallied 30 interceptions, 30 clearances and 118 duels won during the campaign.

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## #10 ROMARIO PIGGOTT MIDFIELDER

The Panamanian midfielder returns to the Black and Yellow for his fourth season with the club, where he has made 58 total appearances across all competitions in the prior three years. Romario scored his third goal of the season and provided his third assist of the season in the Battery's 3-0 victory over New York Red Bulls II. Piggott also earned Team of the Week honors for Week 26. Piggott rejoined Charleston partway through the 2021 campaign and was a welcome return, providing versatility and leadership to the midfield. Romario featured in 18 matches, notching four goals, two assists and 18 chances created.



## #12 GEOBEL PEREZ JR. MIDFIELDER

Geobel (yuh-vel) Perez enters his second season with the Black and Yellow after initially signing with the club ahead of the 2021 season. Perez scored his second goal of the season in the Battery's 3-3 draw against Colorado Springs on June 22. Geobel also earned Team of the Week honors for his performance throughout Week 20. Born in Havana, Cuba, Perez continues the lineage of past ex-Cuban internationals to find a home with the Battery. Perez worked his way onto the pitch as both a starter and off the bench, making a total of 22 appearances in his rookie campaign. The Cuban notched two goals, two assists and 11 chances created while playing various roles up top and in the midfield. Geobel provided his first assist of the season to Mauro Cichero's goal in the Battery's 4-1 defeat against San Diego Loyal on Saturday, April 9.



## #15 JOE SCHMIDT MIDFIELDER

Schmidt enters his first season with the Black and Yellow after a standout collegiate career with the Indiana Hoosiers. The 23-year-old midfielder signed with the Battery following a successful spell as a trialist during the 2022 Breeze Airways™ Carolina Challenge Cup. He appeared in all three of the Battery's CCC22 matches and was among a select group to play for 60 minutes in the match against Inter Miami CF. Schmidt started the game against the Columbus Crew to round out the tournament. The Ohio native helped Indiana make runs to the NCAA College Cup in 2018 and 2020-21, ending the latter as national runner-up after advancing to the National Championship Game. He additionally captained the Hoosiers his senior year.



## #16 BURKE FAHLING MIDFIELDER

Burke Fahling is currently on loan with FC Tucson. Burke returns for his second season with the Black and Yellow in 2022. Fahling played his first professional season in 2021 after a college career with Seattle University and the University of Memphis. The midfielder appeared in 27 matches, registering two goals, two assists and 20 chances created. Burke's first professional goal came in dramatic fashion, a late match-winner on the road to defeat Loudoun United FC on June 8, the only goal scored in the contest.



## #19 DZ HARMON MIDFIELDER

Dionysius "DZ" Harmon returns to the Lowcountry for his second season with the Black and Yellow. DZ provided his first assist of the season in the Battery's 4-1 defeat to Louisville City FC on August 6. Harmon quickly developed into a regular contributor in the Charleston midfield in 2021, asserting his presence on the pitch with his strength and toughness, while displaying his intellect with the ball and his speed. Harmon tallied two goals, two assists and 17 chances created while appearing in a co-team-high 29 matches.



## #9 AUGUSTINE WILLIAMS FORWARD

Augustine Williams enters his first season with the Black and Yellow after signing with the club ahead of the 2022 season. Williams scored his 14th goal of the season in the Battery's 3-0 victory over New York Red Bulls II on September 3. On the international stage, Williams debuted with the Leone Stars on June 15, 2021, during AFCON qualification against Benin, where he helped the side qualify for the tournament for the first time in 26 years. The forward was again called up to Sierra Leone's squad for AFCON in January. Williams has made three total appearances for Sierra Leone.



# 2022 CHARLESTON BATTERY PLAYER BIOS (CONT...)



## #14 SHAK ADAMS FORWARD

Shak is currently on loan with NCFC.

Shakeem "Shak" Adams enters his first season with the Battery after signing with the club ahead of the 2022 season.

The Nashville native arrived in Charleston following a productive two-year stint with USL League One side FC Tucson, where he appeared in 40 matches for the club. Adams joins Andrew Booth as new Battery players making the move up from League One to the USL Championship this season.



## #17 AIDAN APODACA FORWARD

Aidan Apodaca (Ah-pu-DOCK-ah) enters his first season with the Black and Yellow in 2022.

Apodaca tallied his fifth goal of the season in the Battery's 3-0 victory over New York Red Bulls II on September 3. The 25-year-old arrives in Charleston following a 2021 campaign where he made 20 appearances with El Paso Locomotive FC and Orange County SC, on loan from El Paso. Apodaca featured in 15 games during the regular season with Orange County and was part of the team during their USL Championship title-winning run.



## #24 MAURO CICHERO FORWARD

Mauro Cichero enters his third season with the Black and Yellow in 2022.

Cichero scored his 3rd goal of the season in the Battery's 3-4 defeat against Atlanta United 2 on June 29.

The Venezuelan has made 14 appearances for Charleston in the previous two seasons and was poised for an enhanced role in 2021 before his campaign was cut short due to injury. Cichero is happy to be back with the Battery and is looking to rebound in 2022. Cichero appeared in all three matches during the 2022 Breeze Airways™ Carolina Challenge Cup, showcasing the danger he can pose to the opposition on set pieces and in open play.



## #21 ENOCK KWAKWA MIDFIELDER

Kwakwa (Kwa-Kwa) enters his first season with the Black and Yellow. Enock tallied his second goal of the season in the Battery's 2-4 defeat against Sacramento on July 30.

The 27-year-old has amassed plenty of experience around Europe prior to his move to the USL Championship. Kwakwa is a product of the Manchester City FC Academy after being identified through the Right to Dream Academy in his native Ghana.

Kwakwa most recently competed with Jönköpings Södra IF of the Swedish Superettan from 2019 to 2021, making 44 appearances across all competitions. Enock additionally played for Falkenbergs FF (Swedish Superettan) and Ullensaker/Kisa IL (Norwegian 1. divisjon) on full contracts from 2014 to 2019.



## #31 DANIEL KUZEMKA GOALKEEPER

Daniel Kuzemka adds depth to the goalkeeping corps alongside Joe Kuzminsky and Hugo Fauroux after signing with the Battery during the 2022 season. The 23-year-old initially arrived in Charleston on a trial in the preseason that saw him between the pipes against Charlotte FC in the 2022 Breeze Airways™ Carolina Challenge Cup. He helped preserve the clean sheet in the 1-0 victory in a rotation with Kuzminsky and Fauroux. A native of Clifton, Virginia, Kuzemka played collegiately at Clemson University and UNC Charlotte. Kuzemka appeared in five matches across three seasons with the Tigers before transferring to Charlotte. With the 49ers, Kuzemka blossomed into a formidable fixture, tallying 57 saves and four clean sheets during his senior season. Kuzemka made his second professional start against Pittsburgh on August 31 where he secured his first professional clean sheet in the 0-0 draw.

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## #26 CHARLIE ASENSIO

### DEFENDER

Charlie Asensio joins the Black and Yellow for the remainder of the 2022 season on loan. Asensio made his first start and earned Man of the Match honors in the Battery's away defeat against The Miami FC on July 13.

The 22-year-old defender played four seasons at Clemson University where he helped the Tigers win the 2021 NCAA Men's Soccer National Championship, tallying an assist in the title game. Asensio was then drafted 35th overall in the 2022 MLS SuperDraft by Austin and signed by the club in February. On the international stage, Asensio competed with the U.S. U-17s (six appearances) and U-19s (three appearances). He reunites with former U.S. U-19 teammate Kyle Holcomb and former Clemson teammate Daniel Kuzemka in Charleston.



## #25 ALEXANDER DEXTER

### FORWARD

Dexter joins the Battery after concluding a tenure with Loudoun United FC. Dexter made his debut for the Black and Yellow in their defeat against The Miami FC on July 13.

The winger appeared in three matches in 2022 and scored against the Black and Yellow during the May 28 match. Before turning pro, Dexter played five seasons at the University of Pittsburgh. With the Panthers, Dexter appeared in 91 matches, tallying 22 goals and 22 assists. He finished his career second in all-time assists for the program. Alexander also earned All-ACC honors in 2020 and was named to the ACC All-Freshman Team in 2017. A native of Brooklyn, Dexter spent time with German academy FK Pirmasens prior to playing for Pitt.



## #27 AVIONNE FLANAGAN

### DEFENDER

Avionne Flanagan enters his first season with the Black and Yellow after joining the club via free transfer from FC Cincinnati 2 in August 2022. Flanagan spent five months with FCC2 of MLS NEXT Pro. He featured in 18 matches, primarily at left-back and left midfield, registering three goals and one assist. Flanagan signed with FC Cincinnati after being selected 29th overall in the 2021 MLS SuperDraft. He was subsequently loaned out to Orange County SC and FC Tulsa during that season, making 13 appearances between both teams. Collegiately, Flanagan played three seasons at the University of South Florida from 2017 to 2019. He made 48 appearances (41 starts) with the Bulls, scoring four goals and adding seven assists. The defender earned first-team AAC All-Conference honors in 2019 following an exceptional junior campaign.



## #11 FIDEL BARAJAS

### MIDFIELDER

A native of Sacramento, California, Barajas was previously a member of the talented San Jose Earthquakes Academy and competed in the development league MLS NEXT. Fidel inks his first professional deal in joining the Battery. The youngster has already established quite the résumé in his career with both the U-17 U.S. national team (five caps) and the U-17 Mexico national team (three caps). Barajas competed in a UEFA Development Tournament in May 2022 with the USYNT, playing against the youth squads of Portugal, Italy and Belgium. The winger tallied an assist in the match against Belgium, a 0-3 victory. He more recently represented the Mexico U-17's at the International Dream Cup in Japan in June 2022. Fidel featured in matches against Japan, South Korea and Uruguay, scoring one goal against South Korea and contributing two assists against Uruguay.



## #29 CADEN THEOBALD

### MIDFIELDER

Caden, 18, signs his first professional contract in joining the Battery. The midfielder played collegiately at Northwestern University during their 2021 season. Theobald made two appearances for the Wildcats, debuting on September 6 against the University of Missouri-Kansas City, a 4-1 victory. Prior to Northwestern, Theobald competed with South Georgia Tormenta FC's USL Academy team in the summer of 2021. He also played for development sides Jacksonville FC of MLS Next, and Cainhoy Athletic SC and SC Surf Soccer Club in Charleston.



## #28 JOEL BUNTING

### FORWARD

Bunting rejoins the club after spending the 2021 season with the Black and Yellow. The forward featured in 20 matches during that campaign, scoring four goals and adding one assist. Bunting's first professional goal was a match-winner against Miami FC in front of the Patriots Point crowd. Bunting played collegiately at USC Upstate and tallied eight goals and three assists during his time with the Spartans while playing as both a midfielder and a forward. He was honored in 2016 with an ASUN All-Freshman Team selection. Joel is also a graduate of Bishop England High School.