



Tampa Bay Rowdies

2022 Finish:

3rd, Eastern Conference. Lost in Conference Final



Indy Eleven

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9th, Eastern Conference.



Saturday, March 11, 7:30pm ET
St. Petersburg, FL, Al Lang Stadium
Broadcast: ESPN+

Head Coach:

Neill Collins, 6th season

Head Coach:

Mark Lowry, 2nd season

2023 Rowdies Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time(ET)/Result
3.11	vs Indy	7:30 pm
3.18	@ Orange County	10 pm
3.25	@ Charleston	7:30 pm
4.1	vs Birmingham	7:30 pm
4.8	vs Miami FC	7:30 pm
4.9	vs Miami	7:30 pm
4.12	vs Charleston	7:30 pm
4.23	@ San Diego	9 pm
4.29	@ Detroit	4 pm
5.6	vs Phoenix	7:30 pm
5.13	vs Detroit	7:30 pm
5.20	@ Rio Grande	8 pm
5.27	vs Colorado Springs	7:30 pm
6.3	vs Sacramento	7:30 pm
6.10	vs New Mexico	7:30 pm
6.17	@ El Paso	9:30 pm
6.24	@ Loudoun	7 pm
7.1	@ Las Vegas	10:30 pm
7.8	vs Oakland	7:30 pm
7.15	@ Birmingham	7:30 pm
7.22	@ Indy	7 pm
7.29	vs Tulsa	7:30 pm
8.5	@ Pittsburgh	7 pm
8.12	vs Monterey	7:30 pm
8.18	@ Tulsa	9 pm
8.26	@ Miami FC	7:00 pm
9.2	vs Hartford	7:30 pm
9.9	vs Louisville	7:30 pm
9.16	@ San Antonio	7:30 pm
9.23	vs Memphis	7:30 pm
9.27	@ Hartford	7 pm
9.30	vs Loudoun	7:30 pm
10.7	vs Pittsburgh	7:30 pm
10.14	@ Louisville	7:30 pm

Last Meeting:

The Rowdies last met Indy Eleven on July 30 of the 2022 season. Tampa Bay finished on top that day at Michael A. Carroll Stadium.

LAST TIME OUT: 1-0 East. Conf. Loss vs Louisville

Starting XI:

GK: Breno
D: Wyke, Castellanos, Antley
M: Hilton, Law, Fernandes, Wyke, Areman
F: LaCava, Guenzatti

Scoring Summary:



Team Information

Location St. Petersburg, Fla.
 Inaugural Season 2010
 Colors Green and Gold
 Stadium Al Lang Stadium
 Surface Natural grass (Celebration Bermuda)
 Capacity 7,002

Technical Staff

Head Coach Neill Collins
 Assistant Coach Stuart Dobson
 Assistant Coach Jonathan Stead
 Assistant Coach Eric Wilde
 Performance Coach Pete Calabrese
 Athletic Trainer Dave Walker
 Soccer Operations Manager Juan Serna

Roster Breakdown

Roster size 23
 Goalkeepers 3
 Defenders 6
 Midfielders 9
 Forwards 5
 Unique Nationalities 14
 United States 10
 England 2
 Mexico 1
 Brazil 2
 Canada 1
 Denmark 1
 France 1
 Cuba 2
 Germany 1
 Haiti 1
 Ireland 1

Brand Guidelines

On first reference, use *Tampa Bay Rowdies*. On following references, either *Tampa Bay* or *Rowdies* is acceptable. *Tampa*, *Tampa Rowdies*, *St. Pete*, *St. Pete Rowdies* or any other usage is incorrect.

The Rowdies play their home matches at Al Lang Stadium in Downtown St. Petersburg. It is correct to say the team plays in *St. Petersburg*, *St. Pete* or *the Tampa Bay area*. It is incorrect to say the team plays in *Tampa*.

For scoreboards or other abbreviations, *TBR* is the correct tricode. *TAM*, *ROW* and any other abbreviation are incorrect and must be avoided.

2022 Tampa Bay Rowdies Roster

No.	Pos.	Name	DOB	Hometown	Height	Weight
1	GK	Connor Sparrow	5.10.1994	St. Louis, Missouri	6-2	181
2	D	Conner Antley	3.22.1995	Atlanta, Georgia	6-0	170
3	D	Forrest Lasso	5.11.1993	Raleigh, North Carolina	6-5	205
4	M	Lewis Hilton	10.22.1993	Newquay, England	5-8	150
7	M	Yann Ekra	12.10.1990	Abidjan, Ivory Coast	5-10	171
8	M	Jake Areman	3.9.1996	West Long Branch, NJ	5-9	154
9	F	JJ Williams	1.4.1998	Clovis, New Mexico	6-4	201
10	F	Felix Schröter	1.23.1996	Ulm, Germany	5-10	154
21	M	Dayonn Harris	8.29.1997	Milton, Ontario, Canada	5-6	160
11	M	Leo Fernandes	12.23.1991	São Paulo, Brazil	6-1	175
14	M	Charlie Dennis	9.28.1995	Brighton, England	6-2	181
15	GK	Phil Breno	12.11.1995	Mount Airy, Maryland	6-2	215
33	D	Aaron Guillen	6.23.1993	Chihuahua, Mexico	6-1	168
17	D	Tate Johnson	7.10.2005	Tampa, FL		
18	D	Santi Castaneda	11.13.2004	Tampa, FL		
19	D	Freddy Kleemann	3.19.1999	Newnury Park, California	6-4	201
56	GK	Raiko Arozarena	3.27.1997	Pinar Del Rio, Cuba	5-11	178
20	M	Zach Herivaux	2.1.1996	Suita, Osaka, Japan	6-1	159
22	M	Jordan Doherty	8.23.1991	Odense, Denmark	6-1	185
26	F	Cal Jennings	5.17.1997	Atlanta, Georgia	5-11	170
30	F	Ariel Martinez	5.9.1993	Sancti Spiritus, Cuba	5-9	146
23	M	Sebastian Dalgaard	8.23.1991	Odense, Denmark	6-2	185
77	F	Lucky Mkosana	9.30.1987	Bulawayo, Zimbabwe	5-9	169

New Faces, Old Faces

The Tampa Bay Rowdies kick off their seventh season in the USL Championship at Al Lang Stadium this Saturday against Eastern Conference foe Indy Eleven.

Both squads have retooled their rosters in the offseason. For the Tampa Bay, the aim is for the changes to help them get over the last hurdle and claim a championship after reaching three straight conference titles and the league final two of the last three years. Meanwhile, Indy is hoping its refresh is enough to get the club in the playoffs for the first time since 2019.

The Rowdies have undergone their largest overhaul since the 2019 new season. Ten players on this year's squad were not with Rowdies last season.

"We'll really start learning about the group this weekend," said Rowdies Head Coach Neill Collins. Expectations are high as you can expect. We've kept a lot of core guys that have been successful. The guys that we've added have all shown a real desire to be here. They all want to be here for all the right reasons. That's a great starting point."

However, two of those players who are very familiar to the Rowdies system and culture. Two-time USL Championship Defender of the Year Forrest Lasso has returned to Tampa Bay after a year spent playing in Sweden. Also returning is Irishman Jordan Doherty, who went back to his home country for the 2022 season but has chosen to rejoin the Rowdies for his fourth season. Both players are likely to play key roles for the Rowdies once again this year.

One new face to Indy's squad is a familiar one to Rowdies supporters. Tampa Bay's all-time leading scorer Sebastian Guenzatti now calls Indy home and will be returning to Al Lang this Saturday with the goal of taking three points off his former side.

Losing Leo

There's no getting around the hole left by 2022 USL Championship MVP Leo Fernandes' season-ending Achilles injury during preseason. With 19 goals and 9 assists, Fernandes accounted for nearly half of Tampa Bay's league-leading 73 goals last year.

Even before Fernandes suffered his injury the Rowdies were looking to bolster their attacking with reinforcements. Forwards JJ Williams and Cal Jennings were signed after proving to be consistent producers in the USL. Jennings posted two straight 11-goal seasons while on loan to Las Vegas Lights FC from MLS' LAFC. Williams is coming off a career season last year with 12 goals in USL play despite dealing with a transfer from Tulsa to Phoenix midway through the year.

Pronunciation Guide:

Yann Ekra: yahn eck-ruh
Connor Sparrow: spare-oh
Forrest Lasso: lass-oh
Lewis Hilton: Hill-tuhn
JJ Williams: Will-yuhms
Felix Schröter: Sch-roy-ter
Freddy Kleemann: Klee-man
Santiago Castaneda: kah-stah-NAY-dah
Tate Johnson: Jon-Suhn
Zach Herivaux: eir-EE-vo
Phil Breno: bree-no
Aaron Guillen: gee-YEN (first syllable rhymes with knee)
Lucky Mkosana: emm-ko-sah-nah
Raiko Arozarena: rye-ko ah-row-zah-rina
Leo Fernandes: fer-nan-dez
Conner Antley: ant-lee
Lewis Hilton: hill-tun (like the hotel)
Dayonn Harris: day-on
Sebastian Dalgaard: dahl-gard
Jake Areman: Are-man
Charlie Dennis: den-ihs
Jordan Doherty: DOHR-eh-tee
Sebastian Dalgaard: dahl-gard
Ariel Martinez: mar-TEA-nez

Injury Report:

OUT: Connor Sparrow (Hip), Leo Fernandes (Season ending/Achilles)

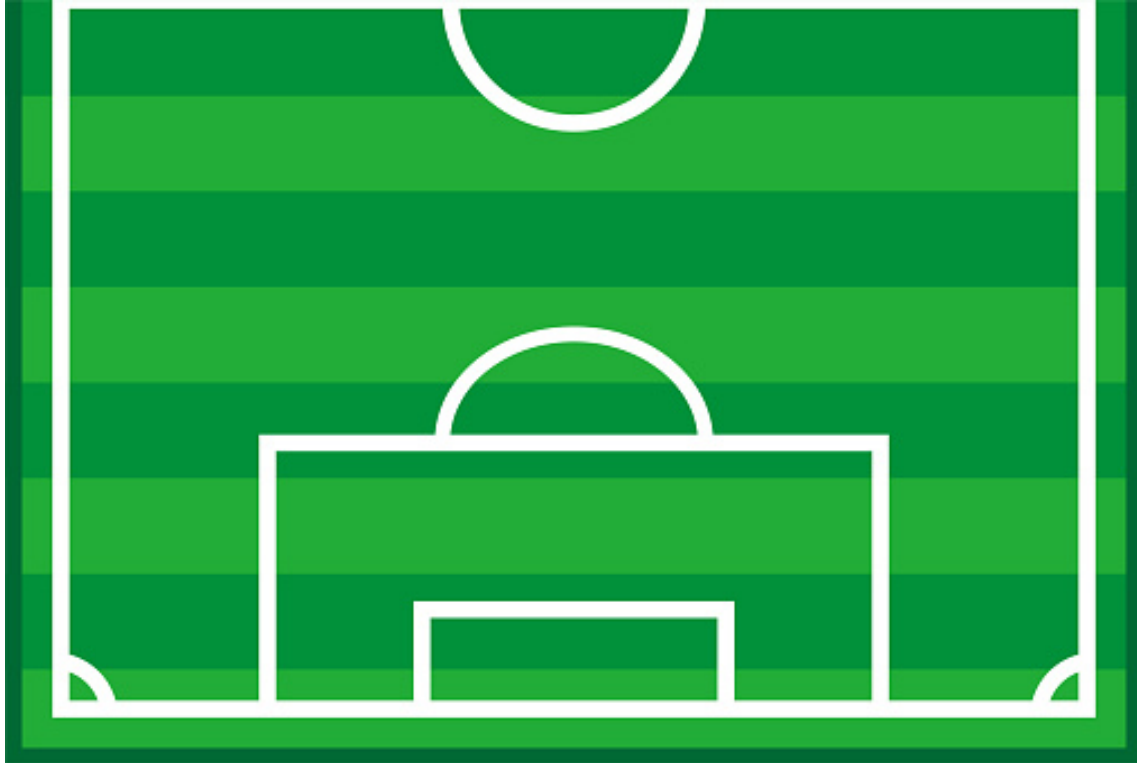
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Milestone Tracker

- Aaron Guillen and Yann Ekra are nearing their 100th appearance for the Rowdies. Each player stands at 93 appearances heading into the new season.
- Jake Areman is nearing his 100th regular-season appearance. He currently has 98 appearances under his belt.
- Lewis Hilton is one assist away from his 30th regular-season assist in the USL Championship.
- Lucky Mkosana is two goals away from his 50th regular-season goal in the USL Championship.

2023 Rowdies Goal Map



The Last Time The Rowdies...

	Opponent (Player)	Date
Clean Sheet For	@ Memphis 1-0 Win	Oct. 30, 2022
Clean Sheet Against	@ Louisville (1-0 Loss)	Nov. 11, 2022
Brace For	vs Miami Guenzatti	Oct. 22, 2022
Brace Against	Orange County (Damus)	Nov. 28, 2021
Hat Trick For	@ North Carolina (Guenzatti)	Sept. 1, 2018
Hat Trick Against	vs Minnesota (O. Daley)	Nov. 2, 2013
Penalty For	vs Memphis Fernandes	Oct. 30, 2022
Penalty Against	@ Memphis (Malloy, Saved)	Oct. 30, 2022
Reduced to 10 Men	vs Memphis (Steevan Dos Santos)	Apr. 27, 2022
Opponent Reduced to 10 Men	@ Louisville 1-0 Loss	Nov. 11, 2022

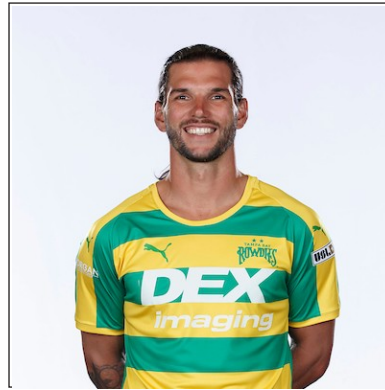
	Opponent (Player/Score)	Date
Own Goal For	vs Orange County 3-1 Win	August 27, 2022
Own Goal Against	Louisville (Lasso)	Nov. 20, 2021
Won by ≥ 2 Goals	vs Miami (3-1 Win)	Oct. 22, 2022
Won by ≥ 3 Goals	vs Loudoun (4-1 Win)	July 16, 2022
Won by ≥ 4 Goals	vs Loudoun (8-0 Win)	Oct. 8, 2022
Lost by 2 Goals	vs Memphis 3-1)	Apr. 27, 2022
Lost by 3 Goals	Penn FC (3-0)	May 4, 2019
Lost by ≥ 4 Goals	@ New York (5-0)	April 14, 2018

#1 | CJ Connor Sparrow | GK



First season in Tampa Bay. Spent previous two seasons with Miami FC. Prior to that, he played for Real Salt Lake, Real Monarchs, Chicago Fire, and Nashville SC.

#3 | Forrest Lasso | CB



Third season in Tampa Bay. Previously played for Tampa Bay in 2020 and 2021, winning USL Defender of the Year both seasons. Spent 2022 with GIF Sundsvall in Sweden.

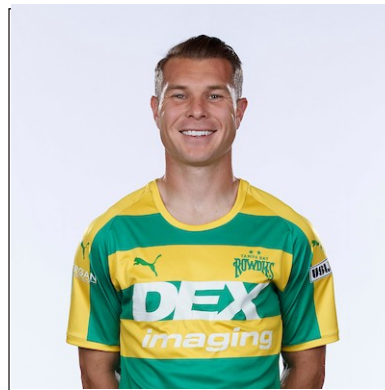
#2 | Conner Antley | D



Third season in Tampa Bay. Appeared in 33 matches in 2022. Spent 2020 at Indy Eleven. Won USL League One Defender of the Year award with South Georgia Tormenta FC in 2019.

#4 | Lewis Hilton | CM

Secondary positions: CDM, CAM



Fourth season in Tampa Bay ... Made 36 appearances in 2022. Played two seasons with Saint Louis FC prior to the Rowdies... Tallied 3 assists for the Rowdies in 2020 ... Played for the Charlotte Independence prior to Saint Louis.

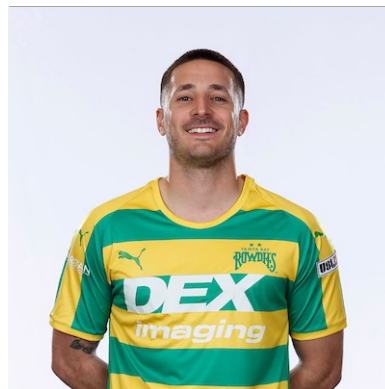
#7 | Yann Ekra | CM

Secondary positions: CDM,



Fourth season in Tampa Bay ... Scored one goal in 14 appearances for 2020. Made 17 appearances in 2019, tallying two assists ... Spent four seasons with Charlotte Independence, making a total of 70 league appearances ... Spent four years with the Harrisburg City Islanders before that, making 101 league appearances

#8 | Jake Areman | LWB



Second season in Tampa Bay. Made 18 appearances in 2022, scoring 1 goal. Spent previous 4 seasons with Charlotte Independence, scoring 4 goals in 84 appearances.

#9 | JJ Williams | CF



First season in Tampa Bay. Scored 12 goals in 2022 while splitting time between FC Tulsa and Phoenix Rising FC.

#11 | Leo Fernandes | LWB

Secondary positions: LW, CAM



Sevenths season in Tampa Bay ... 2022 USL Championship MVP with 19 goals and 9 assists. Made 30 appearances in 2021, scoring 9 goals and recording 5 assists. Made 17 appearances in 2020. and posted 5 goals and 3 assists. Joined the Rowdies prior to the 2017 season after spending the previous four seasons with the Philadelphia Union, though much of that time was spent out on loan ... Played for the Harrisburg City Islanders in 2013 and 2014, scoring five goals ... Played for the New York Cosmos in 2015, scoring 10 goals and winning the NASL Soccer Bowl ... Named NASL Young Player of the Year in 2015 ... Played for the Bethlehem Steel in 2016, scoring once.

#10 | Felix Schröter | F



First season in Tampa Bay. Spent 2021 and 2022 season with Jerv in Norwar, scoring 11 goals total.

#14 | Charlie Dennis | CM

Secondary position: CAM



First Season in Tampa Bay. Spent the 2022 season with Oakland Roots SC, scoring 4 goals in 34 appearances. Previously spent time with FC Tuscon and South Georgia Tormenta FC.

#21 | Dayonn Harris | M



Third season with the Rowdies. Made 29 appearances and scored 5 goals in 2022. Made 20 appearances in 2021, recording 1 assist. ... Spent 2020 with Real Monarchs after being drafted in first round by MLS' Real Salt Lake.

#15 | Phil Breno | GK



Second season in Tampa Bay. Joined Rowdies midway through 2022 season on loan from Forward Madison FC. Made 9 appearances for the Rowdies in 2022.

#19 | Freddy Kleemann | D



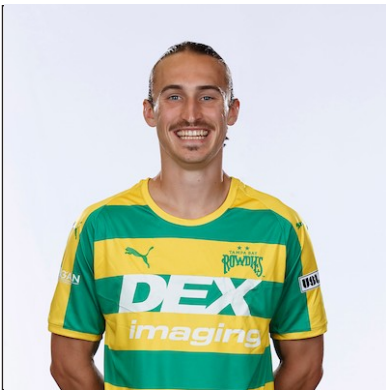
First season in Tampa Bay. Spent last two year under contract with MLS' Austin FC. Made two appearances while on loan to Birmingham Legion FC before suffering a season ending injury.

#56 | Raiko Arozarena | GK



Third season in Tampa Bay. Made 4 appearances for Tampa Bay in 2022 before being sent on loan to Forward Madison FC, where he made 16 starts. Recorded one clean sheet in two appearances in 2021. Previously played in Mexico for Cafetaleros de Chiapas and Venados. Younger brother of Tampa Bay Rays outfielder Randy Arozarena.

#26 | Cal Jennings | F



First season in Tampa Bay. Spent 2021 and 2022 season on loan to Las Vegas Lights FC from MLS' LAFC. Scored 11 goals in each season with Las Vegas.

#77 | Lucky Mkosana | CF



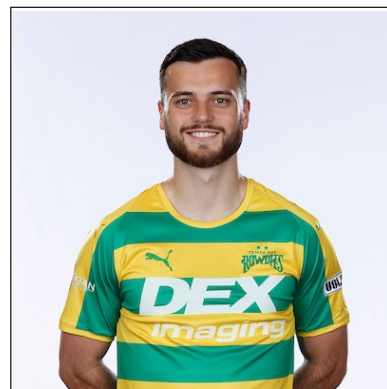
Fifth consecutive season in Tampa Bay. Also spent 2013 and 2014 seasons in Tampa Bay. Scored 4 goals in 2022. Scored 4 goals in 15 appearances in 2021. Scored 4 goals in 11 appearances in 2020.

#33 | Aaron Guillen | CB



Fourth season in Tampa Bay. Made 37 appearances in 2022. Played in 35 matches in 2021 and earned a spot on the USL's All-League Second team. One of two Rowdies players who played every minute in 2020. Previously played for North Carolina FC and FC Tulsa.

#22 | Jordan Doherty | CM



Fourth season in Tampa Bay. Spent 2019, 2020, and 2021 with Tampa Bay before returning to his home country of Ireland in 2022 to play for Bohemians FC.

#23 | Sebastian Dalgaard | LWB

Secondary positions: RWB



Fourth season in Tampa Bay ... Made 32 appearances and scored 6 goals in 2022. Recorded 2 assists and 1 goal in 36 appearance during 2021. Talled 2 assists and made 16 appearances in 2020. Spent 2019 with Hartford Athletic ... Scored five goals and added two assists for the Athletic ... Previous clubs include OKC Energy FC and Saint Louis FC in the USL Championship, as well as FC Fyn, BK Marienlyst, Bronshoj BK and Middelfart G&BK in his native Denmark.

#20 | Zach Herivaux | M



First season in Tampa Bay. Spent previous two seasons with Birmingham Legion FC. Has represented Haiti on the international stage.

#20 Ariel Martinez | F



First season in Tampa Bay. Spent the 2022 season in Hartford, scoring 9 goals. Previously played for Miami FC, FC Tulsa, and Charleston Battery.

#17 | Tate Johnson | D



USL Academy signing. Made three appearances for the Rowdies in 2022.

#18 | Santiago Castaneda | D



USL Academy signing. Second season in Tampa Bay. Made two appearances for the Tampa Bay in 2022.



Neill Collins

Head Coach

Collins was appointed head coach of the Tampa Bay Rowdies on May 18, 2018. He joined the Rowdies as a player prior to the 2016 season and made 67 appearances for the club as a center back before transitioning to the role of head coach. Collins holds a UEFA A license. A native of Troon, Scotland, Collins began his playing career for the amateur Glasgow club Queen's Park in 2001. As he progressed into the professional ranks, Collins signed with Dumbarton in 2002 before moving to England to sign with Sunderland in 2004. While with Sunderland, Collins had loan spells with Hartlepool United, Sheffield United and Wolves. He joined Wolves on a permanent basis in 2007 and later joined Preston North End on a permanent deal after a loan spell there. From Preston North End, Collins signed with Leeds United in 2010 after another successful loan spell. Collins signed with Sheffield United in 2011 and would spend five seasons there, making nearly 200 appearances for the Blades with a short loan to Port Vale. From Sheffield United, Collins made the jump to the United States by signing with the Rowdies. His professional career spanned 598 competitive matches. Collins was voted USL Championship Coach of the Year in 2021 after leading the Rowdies to the best record in the regular season.



Stuart Dobson

Assistant Coach

Dobson joined the Tampa Bay Rowdies before the 2015 season as the goalkeeper coach. He has continued on as an assistant coach with an emphasis on working with the Rowdies' goalkeepers. Prior to joining the Rowdies, Dobson served as the goalkeeper coach at the University of Akron. Born in England, Dobson came to the United States to begin his

professional career in 1995 with the Continental Indoor Soccer League's Portland Pride. In a professional career that lasted until 2006, Dobson played for a number of indoor professional teams, including the Tampa Bay Terror in 1996-97. Dobson then got into coaching with the indoor New Jersey Ironmen in 2007. He also served as goalkeeper coach for the UC-Santa Barbara Gauchos from 2008 to 2012 prior to joining Akron in 2013.

Jonathan Stead

Assistant Coach

Second season in Tampa Bay. Stead quickly jumped into coaching after a nearly 20-year career in England. Spent 2021 as an assist coach with Hartford Athletic before joining the Rowdies.



Eric Wilde

Assistant Coach

Second season in Tampa Bay. Wilde joined the Rowdies after three seasons as a member of USL League One side Forward Madison's technical staff.

About the Rowdies

The Tampa Bay Rowdies are a professional soccer club and a member of the United Soccer League, beginning with the 2017 USL season. The Rowdies' home stadium is Al Lang Stadium in downtown St. Petersburg, Fla. The Rowdies were reborn in 2010 and quickly reestablished themselves as one of the United States' premier soccer clubs, winning the North American Soccer League's Soccer Bowl Champions in 2012.

The original Tampa Bay Rowdies were born in 1975 as an expansion team in the North American Soccer League. From 1975-1984, the Rowdies were one of the most successful teams in the NASL, winning the Soccer Bowl Championship in 1975 and reaching the final again in 19778 and 1979. The Rowdies featured iconic players such as Rodney Marsh, Derek Smethurst, Farrukh Quraishi, Perry Van Der Beck, Mike Connell and Steve Wegerle while winning over the hearts of the people of Tampa Bay and creating an internationally-recognized brand.

The Rowdies attracted a sellout crowd to their first home game in May 2010 at Tampa's Steinbrenner Field and have continued to boast strong local fan support. In 2011, the Rowdies moved across Tampa Bay to St. Petersburg's Al Lang Stadium, which has been home ever since.

In December of 2018, the ownership group of the Tampa Bay Rays of Major League Baseball purchased the Tampa Bay Rowdies.

USL Championship

The United Soccer League (USL) is the largest professional soccer organization in North America, possessing nearly a decade of experience in bringing the world's game to communities across the United States and Canada. Overseeing The USL Championship, USL League One, and USL League Two, the organization is built on a proven and recognized model in international football and counts more than 100 clubs in its membership.

Based in Tampa, Fla., the USL has grown over the past decade into a model organization with strong corporate partnerships, stable organizational leadership, and a dedicated staff that provides outstanding support to member clubs and outside partners. Sanctioned by the U.S. Soccer Federation and Canadian Soccer Association, the USL is #UnitedForSoccer, moving the game forward in the United States and Canada.

Al Lang Stadium

Fully renovated in 2015 and situated on the downtown St. Petersburg waterfront next to the Salvador Dali Museum and Mahaffey Theater, the iconic stadium used to be the spring training home of the Tampa Bay Rays. Since construction, several other Major League Baseball teams, including the Baltimore Orioles, New York Mets, New York Yankees and St. Louis Cardinals have used the stadium as their headquarters for spring training.

The St. Petersburg Athletic Park at the current site of Al Lang Stadium was the spring home for the Boston Braves and New York Yankees from 1923 until after World War II, hosting such greats as Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig and Stan Musial. The first incarnation of the current field was built for the St. Louis Cardinals in 1947.



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