

DETROIT CITY FC



HARTFORD
ATHLETIC



Saturday September 5, 2026 - 7:00PM

Streaming: Golazo

Keyworth Stadium - Hamtramck, MI

MATCHUP



10 - 6 - 5	Record	6 - 9 - 5
3rd	Standing	8th
2 - 0 - 3	Last Five	2 - 1 - 2
Danny Dichio	Head Coach	Brendan Burke
@detroitcityfootballclub	Instagram	@hfdathletic
Head Referee	Elvis Osmanovic	
Assistant Referee	Eric Burton	
Assistant Referee	Tre' Gaither	
Fourth Official	Aaron Fong	
Injuries	Preston Tabort Etaka - Out Connor Rutz - Out Rafa Mentzingen - Out Tommy Silva - Questionable Darren Smith - Questionable	

QUICK FACTS

- Detroit City sits third in the Eastern Conference on 36 points with a 10-6-5 record, nine points ahead of eighth-place Hartford Athletic, which has 27 points from 20 matches.
- DCFC has allowed only 17 goals in 21 league matches and owns 10 clean sheets, the second-highest team total in the league.
- Detroit City has been unbeaten in their last four matches, with wins over Tampa Bay and FC Tulsa plus scoreless draws against Loudoun United and Louisville City.
- Darren Smith leads DCFC with 12 goals in 20 appearances, tied for second in the USL Championship, and accounting for nearly 45% of the club's 27 league goals.
- The matchup offers Detroit City a chance to reverse a difficult recent series: Hartford won the first meeting this season 2-1 on May 9, and Detroit has not won any of the last six meetings in regulation, though it advanced on penalties in the 2025 USL Cup meeting.

SCHEDULE

DATE		OPPONENT	
3/14	VS	Brooklyn FC	3-0
3/17	VS	Michigan Rangers FC (US Open Cup)	5-1
3/21	AT	Indy Eleven	1-2
3/28	VS	Charleston Battery	1-0
4/1	AT	Flint City Bucks (US Open Cup)	1-0
4/4	AT	Rhode Island FC	0-0
4/11	VS	Sporting Club Jacksonville	2-2
4/14	VS	Chicago Fire (US Open Cup)	1-2
4/18	AT	Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC	1-2
5/2	VS	Louisville City FC	2-1
5/9	AT	Hartford Athletic	1-2
5/16	AT	Forward Madison FC	1-0
5/20	VS	Miami FC	2-1
5/23	AT	Loudoun United FC	0-0
5/30	AT	Charleston Battery	0-2
6/6	VS	Lexington SC	1-1 (PKs)
6/10	VS	El Paso Locomotive FC	1-1
6/13	AT	Sporting Club Jacksonville	6-2
6/20	VS	Louisville City FC	0-0 (PKs)
7/2	AT	Birmingham Legion FC	2-1
7/11	AT	Fort Wayne FC	2-1
7/18	VS	Indy Eleven	2-0
7/25	VS	Las Vegas Lights FC	0-1
8/1	AT	Miami FC	2-2
8/8	AT	FC Tulsa	1-0
8/15	VS	Loudoun United FC	0-0
8/22	VS	Tampa Bay Rowdies	1-0
8/29	AT	Louisville City FC	0-0
9/5	VS	Hartford Athletic	
9/12	AT	Sacramento Republic FC	
9/19	VS	Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC	
9/26	VS	CS Switchbacks FC	
9/30	AT	Brooklyn FC	
10/3	VS	Birmingham Legion FC	
10/10	VS	Rhode Island FC	
10/17	AT	Tampa Bay Rowdies	
10/24	AT	Louisville City FC	

COMPARISON

DETROIT CITY FC		HARTFORD ATHLETIC
21	Matches	20
27	Goals	18
204	Shots	180
91	On Target	76
13.2%	Conversion Rate	10.0%
8,009	Passing	6,352
263	Fouls	265
43	Yellow Cards	37
1	Red Cards	2
10	Clean Sheets	8

STANDINGS

	TEAM	MP	W	D	L	PT
1	Tampa Bay Rowdies	22	13	6	3	45
2	Charleston Battery	22	12	3	7	39
3	Detroit City FC	21	10	6	5	36
4	Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC	23	10	4	9	34
5	Louisville City FC	22	9	5	8	32
6	Indy Eleven	20	8	4	8	28
7	Rhode Island FC	20	8	4	8	28
8	Hartford Athletic	20	6	9	5	27
9	Miami FC	22	5	7	10	22
10	Loudoun United FC	21	3	11	7	20
11	Birmingham Legion FC	20	3	8	9	17
12	Brooklyn FC	20	4	4	12	16
13	Sporting Club Jacksonville	22	2	5	15	11

TEAM LEADERS

DETROIT CITY FC		HARTFORD ATHLETIC
Smith	12	Goals 5 Coffey
Hernandez-Foster	4	Asst. 4 Anderson
Diouf	39	Shots 28 Coffey
Smith	23	SOT 14 Coffey
Hernandez-Foster	32	CC 33 Anderson
Amoo-Mensah	1,145	Passes 799 Diz Pe
Diouf	6	Yellow 7 Diz Pe
Diop	1	Red 1 2 Players
Herrera	10	CS 8 Siah

CONTACT

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DETROIT CITY FC

STATS INCLUDE: USL CHAMPIONSHIP, LAMAR HUNT US OPEN CUP, & PRINX TIRES USL CUP.



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**CARLOS
HERRERA**

Pronunciation: Ere-era

DOB: 9/12/1997

Hometown: Mexico City, Mexico

Former Club: Monterey Bay FC

Joined DCFC: 2025

2026 STATS

MP: 23

MS: 23

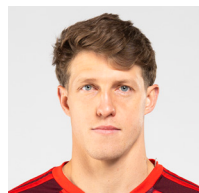
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**RHYS
WILLIAMS**

Pronunciation: Reese

DOB: 8/9/1995

Hometown: White Plains, New York

Former Club: Stumptown AC

Joined DCFC: 2021

2026 STATS

MP: 9

MS: 4

MIN: 390

G: 0

A: 0

Y: 0

R: 0



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**AEDAN
STANLEY**

Pronunciation: (rhymes w Say) Ay - Dan

DOB: 12/13/1999

Hometown: Columbia, Illinois

Former Club: Indy Eleven

Joined DCFC: 2026

2026 STATS

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MS: 14

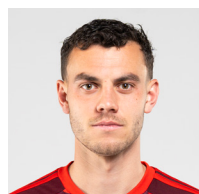
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**CALLUM
MONTGOMERY**

Pronunciation:

DOB: 5/14/1997

Hometown: Nanaimo, BC, Canada

Former Club: Cavalry FC

Joined DCFC: 2026

2026 STATS

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MS: 23

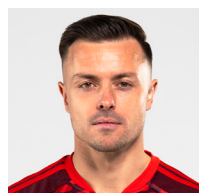
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**RYAN
WILLIAMS**

Pronunciation:

DOB: 4/8/1991

Hometown: Birkenhead, England

Former Club: AFC Eskilstuna

Joined DCFC: 2024

2026 STATS

MP: 22

MS: 10

MIN: 954

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**DARREN
SMITH**

Pronunciation:

DOB: 3/26/1996

Hometown: Cape Town, South Africa

Former Club: Inter Turku

Joined DCFC: 2025

2026 STATS

MP: 24

MS: 23

MIN: 1,956

G: 14

A: 2

Y: 3

R: 0



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**ABDOULAYE "LAYE"
DIOP**

Pronunciation: Ahb-do-lie "lie" Jope

DOB: 9/17/1999

Hometown: Dakar, Senegal

Former Club: Atlanta United II

Joined DCFC: 2022

2026 STATS

MP: 27

MS: 20

MIN: 1,735

G: 1

A: 1

Y: 6

R: 1

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**BEN
MORRIS**

Pronunciation:

DOB: 7/6/1999

Hometown: Colchester, England

Former Club: GAIS

Joined DCFC: 2023

2026 STATS

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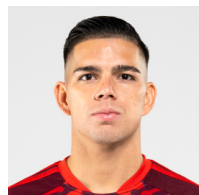
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**JECIEL "JECI"
CEDEÑO**

Pronunciation: Jess-see-yell Suh-day-nyo

DOB: 4/3/2000

Hometown: Guayaquil, Ecuador

Former Club: Oakland Roots

Joined DCFC: 2024

2026 STATS

MP: 10

MS: 9

MIN: 728

G: 0

A: 0

Y: 0

R: 0



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11

**CONNOR
RUTZ**

Pronunciation:

DOB: 4/9/1997

Hometown: Commerce, Michigan

Former Club: Cincinnati Dutch Lions

Joined DCFC: 2020

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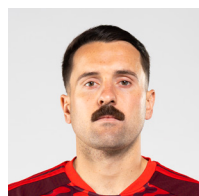
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**MICHAEL
BRYANT**

Pronunciation:

DOB: 4/2/1995

Hometown: Portola Hills, California

Former Club: Cal United Strikers

Joined DCFC: 2022

2026 STATS

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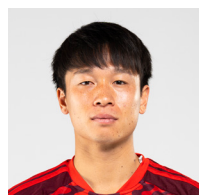
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14

**HARUKI
YAMAZAKI**

Pronunciation:

DOB: 12/11/2000

Hometown: Nara, Japan

Former Club: N. Colorado Hailstorm

Joined DCFC: 2025

2026 STATS

MP: 28

MS: 24

MIN: 2,277

G: 1

A: 3

Y: 6

R: 0



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15

**ALEXANDER "ALEX"
DALOU**

Pronunciation: Dah - Lou

DOB: 8/24/2000

Hometown: Bloomfield, Michigan

Former Club: FC Tulsa

Joined DCFC: 2026

2026 STATS

MP: 19

MS: 8

MIN: 799

G: 2

A: 3

Y: 3

R: 0



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16

**TATENDA
MKURUVA**

Pronunciation:

DOB: 1/6/1998

Hometown: Harare, Zimbabwe

Former Club: Michigan Stars

Joined DCFC: 2025

2026 STATS

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MS: 0

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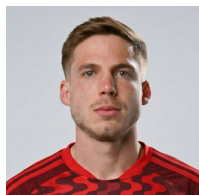
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**RAFAEL
MENTZINGEN**

Pronunciation:

DOB: 5/2/1996

Hometown: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Former Club: North Carolina FC

Joined DCFC: 2026

2026 STATS

MP: 11

MS: 8

MIN: 587

G: 2

A: 1

Y: 0

R: 0



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18

**PRESTON
TABORT ETAKA**

Pronunciation:

DOB: 6/10/1998

Hometown: Dakar, Senegal

Former Club: Birmingham Legion

Joined DCFC: 2026

2026 STATS

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MS: 3

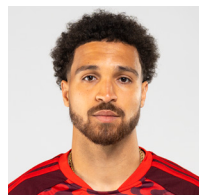
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**RIO
HOPE-GUND**

Pronunciation: hard g

DOB: 8/20/1999

Hometown: New York, New York

Former Club: Rhode Island

Joined DCFC: 2026

2026 STATS

MP: 18

MS: 8

MIN: 768

G: 1

A: 0

Y: 0

R: 0



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21

**MAXIMILIANO "MAXI"
RODRIGUEZ**

Pronunciation:

DOB: 8/9/1995

Hometown: San Antonio, Texas

Former Club: Rhode Island

Joined DCFC: 2026

2026 STATS

MP: 21

MS: 17

MIN: 1,285

G: 3

A: 2

Y: 4

R: 0



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22

**KOBE
HERNANDEZ-FOSTER**

Pronunciation: Koh - Bee

DOB: 6/26/2002

Hometown: Los Angeles, California

Former Club: Las Vegas Lights

Joined DCFC: 2025

2026 STATS

MP: 28

MS: 25

MIN: 2,095

G: 1

A: 4

Y: 6

R: 0



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23

**KIAN
WILLIAMS**

Pronunciation:

DOB: 7/1/2000

Hometown: Leicester, England

Former Club: Indy Eleven

Joined DCFC: 2026

2026 STATS

MP: 12

MS: 4

MIN: 352

G: 0

A: 0

Y: 3

R: 0



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26

**CHISOM
EGBUCHULAM**

Pronunciation: Egg-Bu-Chew-Lam

DOB: 2/22/1992

Hometown: Enugu, Nigeria

Former Club: Al-Jandal

Joined DCFC: 2026

2026 STATS

MP: 14

MS: 4

MIN: 499

G: 2

A: 0

Y: 2

R: 0

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DEVON

AMOO-MENSAH

Pronunciation: Ah-moo Men-suh

DOB: 11/27/1995

Hometown: Naperville, Illinois

Former Club: Michigan Stars

Joined DCFC: 2022

2026 STATS

MP: 27

MS: 27

MIN: 2,349

G: 0

A: 2

Y: 4

R: 0



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32

ALASSANE "ATES"

DIOUF

Pronunciation: Ah-tes Jufe

DOB: 5/24/2000

Hometown: Dakar, Senegal

Former Club: Lexington SC

Joined DCFC: 2025

2026 STATS

MP: 26

MS: 22

MIN: 1,951

G: 3

A: 2

Y: 7

R: 0



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33

DERRICK "TOMMY"

SILVA

Pronunciation:

DOB: 2/21/2002

Hometown: Tucson, Arizona

Former Club: Birmingham Legion

Joined DCFC: 2026

2026 STATS

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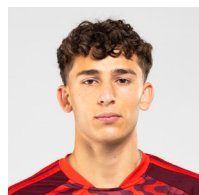
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Y: 4

R: 0



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BILAL

OBEID

Pronunciation: Be-lawl Oh-bide

DOB: 11/19/2007

Hometown: Dearborn, Michigan

Former Club: DCFC Academy

Joined DCFC: 2025

2026 STATS

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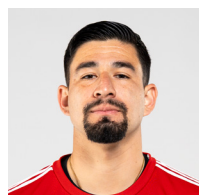
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CARLOS

SALDANA

Pronunciation: Sal - Don - Yuh

DOB: 10/27/1996

Hometown: Vallejo, California

Former Club: Sacramento, California

Joined DCFC: 2024

2026 STATS

MP: 5

MS: 4

MIN: 457

S: 4

CS: 0

Y: 1

R: 0

DETROIT CITY FC

TECHNICAL STAFF



HEAD COACH

DANNY DICHIO

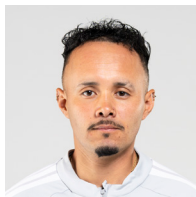
Dichio, a former standout at QPR, Sunderland, and Toronto FC—where he scored the club's first MLS goal—transitioned to coaching, spending over a decade in TFC's academy. He helped guide Sacramento Republic FC to the 2022 U.S. Open Cup Final and the 2023 Western Conference Final before becoming DCFC's head coach, leading the team to four straight postseasons and a historic 2025 playoff upset. In December 2025, he signed a contract through 2027 with an option for 2028.



ASSISTANT HEAD COACH

PHILLIP DOS SANTOS

Dos Santos brings over 10 years of coaching experience to Detroit City FC, most recently serving as manager and GM of Canadian Premier League side Valour FC for four years. Prior to that, he was an assistant coach with Vancouver Whitecaps FC under his brother Marc, helping the team reach the 2020 MLS is Back Tournament knockout stage. Earlier, he held assistant roles with Indy Eleven, San Francisco Deltas (NASL champions in 2017), Fort Lauderdale Strikers, and Ottawa Fury across four seasons.



GOALKEEPER COACH

EMERSON LOVATO

Lovato has worked all across the United States, making stops at Midwestern State University, and Newberry College to name a few. Then, in 2021, Lovato had his first taste of professional soccer, serving as the Goalkeeper Coach at Forward Madison of USL League One. Most recently, Lovato served as an assistant coach at California Polytechnic University.



SPORTS PERFORMANCE COACH

ELISA BAERON

Baeron, a former Bowling Green standout with 50 appearances, holds a Master's in Strength and Conditioning from Michigan State, where she worked with Olympic and basketball programs. She served as Assistant Strength Coach at Oakland University before returning to MSU as Assistant Director of Athletic Performance, supporting women's soccer. A native of Selsingen, Germany, she has also played in DCFC's arena league seasons.



HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER

MAUREEN LILLA

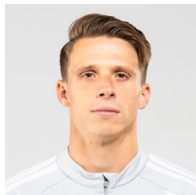
Lilla graduated from Central Michigan University with a BS in Athletic Training. Since then, she's had 23 years of experience working with athletes of all ages. Working through Detroit Medical Center, Lilla joined Detroit City in 2021. Prior experience includes Detroit Sun Pro-Am and the UWS National League.



ATHLETIC TRAINER

JOSH EDDY

Eddy graduated from Central Michigan University with a BS in Athletic Training. Since then, Josh has spent 7 of the last 9 years working in the collegiate setting spanning NCAA Division I, II and NAIA gaining experience in men's and women's soccer, softball and football programs. Eddy started with DCFC in January of 2026 in partnership with the Detroit Medical Center.



DETROIT CITY FC II HEAD COACH

BRAD DUNWELL

Dunwell played 20 games for DCFC in 2022, then joined Charlotte Independence in 2023 before returning to Grand Rapids to coach at Midwest United FC and serve as a player-coach for their USL League Two team. He holds a US Soccer B License.



DIRECTOR OF SOCCER OPERATIONS

Baker supports the Men's team's daily logistics, ensuring players and staff have the resources they need to succeed. A Northwood University graduate with a BBA in Sports and Entertainment Management, Cooper also coaches in the City Youth travel program and holds a U.S. Soccer "D" License

COOPER BAKER



SOCCER OPERATIONS COORDINATOR

Aiello graduated from Central Michigan University with a BBA in Sport and Fitness Administration. Aiello started his journey with DCFC as a media assistant before joining the first-team staff in 2025 in his current role. He helps with equipment management for the team and assists with player care off the field.

CHAD AIELLO



OPERATIONS & TECHNICAL ANALYST

Guanco joined Detroit City full time after interning with the club for two years. A Michigan native, he graduated from Michigan State in 2025 with a degree in Sports Management and Journalism.

ARCHER GUANCO

MATCH BY MATCH STARTING XI

3/14/2026 - DCFC vs BKN - Herrera, Yamazaki, Amoo-Mensah, Montgomery, Silva, Ryan Williams, Hernandez-Foster, Rodriguez, Cedeno, Diouf, Smith
 3/17/2026 - DCFC vs MI RANGERS FC - Saldana, Rhys Williams, Amoo-Mensah, Hope-Gund, Silva, Rutz, Diop, Cedeno, Preston, Dalou, Egbuchulam
 3/21/2026 - DCFC @ IND - Herrera, Yamazaki, Amoo-Mensah, Montgomery, Silva, Ryan Williams, Hernandez-Foster, Rodriguez, Cedeno, Diouf, Smith
 3/28/2026 - DCFC vs CHS - Herrera, Yamazaki, Amoo-Mensah, Montgomery, Silva, Ryan Williams, Hernandez-Foster, Rodriguez, Cedeno, Diouf, Smith
 4/1/2026 - DCFC @ FCB - Saldana, Rhys Williams, Amoo-Mensah, Hope-Gund, Silva, Rutz, Diop, Hernandez-Foster, Cedeno, Dalou, Egbuchulam
 4/4/2026 - DCFC @ RIFC - Herrera, Yamazaki, Amoo-Mensah, Montgomery, Silva, Ryan Williams, Hernandez-Foster, Diop, Cedeno, Diouf, Smith
 4/11/2026 - DCFC vs JAX - Herrera, Yamazaki, Amoo-Mensah, Montgomery, Silva, Hernandez-Foster, Diop, Cedeno, Diouf, Dalou, Smith
 4/14/2026 - DCFC vs Chicago Fire - Herrera, Yamazaki, Amoo-Mensah, Montgomery, Silva, Hernandez-Foster, Diop, Rodriguez, Diouf, Cedeno, Smith
 4/18/2026 - DCFC @ PIT - Herrera, Yamazaki, Amoo-Mensah, Hope-Gund, Silva, Hernandez-Foster, Diop, Stanley, Cedeno, Rutz, Smith
 5/2/2026 - DCFC vs LOU - Herrera, Yamazaki, Amoo-Mensah, Montgomery, Silva, Hernandez-Foster, Diop, Cedeno, Egbuchulam, Diouf, Smith
 5/9/2026 - DCFC @ HFD - Herrera, Yamazaki, Amoo-Mensah, Montgomery, Silva, Hernandez-Foster, Diop, Rodriguez, Rutz, Diouf, Smith
 5/16/2026 - DCFC @ HFD - Herrera, Yamazaki, Amoo-Mensah, Montgomery, Silva, Hernandez-Foster, Ryan Williams, Rodriguez, Morris, Diouf, Smith
 5/20/2026 - DCFC vs MIA - Saldana, Yamazaki, Amoo-Mensah, Montgomery, Stanley, Rodriguez, Diop, Morris, Diouf, Rhys Williams, Smith
 5/23/2026 - DCFC @ LOU - Herrera, Yamazaki, Amoo-Mensah, Montgomery, Silva, Ryan Williams, Hernandez-Foster, Diouf, Rhys Williams, Dalou, Smith
 5/30/2026 - DCFC @ CHS - Herrera, Yamazaki, Amoo-Mensah, Montgomery, Silva, Ryan Williams, Hernandez-Foster, Rodriguez, Diouf, Dalou, Smith
 6/6/2026 - DCFC vs LEX - Herrera, Yamazaki, Amoo-Mensah, Montgomery, Silva, Ryan Williams, Hernandez-Foster, Dalou, Metzingen, Diouf, Smith
 6/10/2026 - DCFC vs ELP - Herrera, Yamazaki, Amoo-Mensah, Montgomery, Stanley, Diop, Preston, Hernandez-Foster, Rutz, Diouf, Morris
 6/13/2026 - DCFC @ JAX - Herrera, Metzingen, Amoo-Mensah, Montgomery, Silva, Diop, Hernandez-Foster, Morris, Preston, Diouf, Smith
 6/20/2026 - DCFC vs LOU - Herrera, Yamazaki, Mentzingen, Amoo-Mensah, Hope-Gund, Stanley, Silva, Diop, Hernández-Foster, Morris, Diouf
 7/2/2026 DCFC vs BHM - Herrera, Yamazaki, Amoo-Mensah, Silva, Diop, Hernández-Foster, Hope-Gund, Mentzingen, Stanley, Smith, Diouf
 7/11/2026 vs FWFC: Saldaña, Montgomery, Hope-Gund, Mentzingen, Stanley, Morris, Williams, Rodriguez, Dalou, Smith, Diouf
 7/18/2026 DCFC vs IND - Herrera, Yamazaki, Amoo-Mensah, Montgomery, Diop, Hernández-Foster, Rodriguez, Mentzingen, Stanley, Smith, Diouf
 7/25/2026 DCFC vs LVL - Herrera, Yamazaki, Amoo-Mensah, Montgomery, Diop, Hernández-Foster, Rodriguez, Mentzingen, Stanley, Smith, Diouf
 8/1/2026 DCFC vs MIA - Saldaña, Yamazaki, Amoo-Mensah, Montgomery, Diop, Hernández-Foster, Rodriguez, Mentzingen, Stanley, Smith, Dalou
 8/8/2026 DCFC vs TUL - Herrera, Yamazaki, Amoo-Mensah, Montgomery, Diop, Hernández-Foster, Rodriguez, Silva, Stanley, Smith, Hope-Gund
 8/15/2026 DCFC vs LDN - Herrera, Yamazaki, Amoo-Mensah, Montgomery, Diop, Hernández-Foster, Rodriguez, Silva, Stanley, Egbuchulam, Hope-Gund
 8/22/2026 DCFC vs TBR - Herrera, Yamazaki, Amoo-Mensah, Montgomery, Diop, Hernández-Foster, Rodriguez, Smith, Stanley, Cedeno, Diouf
 9/5/2026 DCFC vs HFD - Herrera, Yamazaki, Amoo-Mensah, Montgomery, Diop, Hernández-Foster, Rodriguez, Smith, Stanley, Cedeno, Diouf