LA Galaxy's goal came at the end of some strong play from the game. The attempted clearance into the far corner for the only goal of the Western Conference Semifinal after a Giovani dos Santos goal gave Colorado Rapids have work to do in the second leg of the Western Conference Semifinals.

ESPN will broadcast Leg 2 of the Western Conference Semifinals on this Sunday, November 6 at 12:00 p.m. MT (ESPN). The Rapids and LA Galaxy will face off this Sunday, November 6, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. MT (ESPN).

Colorado will enter the second leg of their series with the Galaxy needing to overturn a 1-0 result to advance to the next round. Giovani dos Santos’ header was the difference last weekend at Dick’s Sporting Goods Park in Commerce City, CO. There will also be radio coverage on Altitude Sports Radio - AM 950; La Invasora 87.7 FM.

The Rapids responded well, though, with halftime substitute Jermaine Jones forcing a fine, full stretch save from Brian Rowe. This was Colorado’s best chance of the afternoon.

At the other end, Howard made a number of super saves to keep the Galaxy at bay, while the defense withstood pressure from the physical threat of Alan Gordon, and the speed of Emmanuel Boateng.

For the Rapids, their best spells came at the start of each half, only for the Galaxy to gradually work their way into the contest. As expected, the Rapids’ defense were the busier but, though disappointed with the loss, remain confident that they can turn this tie around.

**RECENT FORM**

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**PLAYOFFS HISTORY WITH LA**

The two teams have met a total of eight times in postseason play, with the Galaxy winning seven of those matches by a combined score of 15-1.

10/17/99 - LA 3-0 COL 11/05/05 - COL 0-2 LA
10/24/99 - COL 0-2 LA
10/05/02 - LA 4-0 COL 10/30/16 - LA 1-0 COL
10/09/02 - COL 0-1 LA 11/06/16 - COL x-x LA
10/22/04 - COL 1-0 LA
10/30/04 - LA 2-0 COL

**GALAXY CONNECTIONS**

**Marc Burch (COL)** - Selected by Los Angeles Galaxy in the second round (24th Overall) of the 2006 MLS SuperDraft, playing just 27 minutes in three substitute appearances, before being traded to the Columbus Crew in July of that year.

**Pablo Mastroeni (COL)** - Current Rapids head coach ended his playing career with a short stint at LA Galaxy. He joined them midway through 2013, and made three starts in nine appearances...
es, before retiring at the end of the season.

**Jeff Larentowicz (LA)** - Played for the Rapids from 2010 to 2012, starting 95 of his 96 total appearances and scoring 14 goals. He was traded to Chicago for a 2013 MLS SuperDraft pick that was used to select Dillon Powers, who went on to become the MLS Rookie of the Year.

**Former players for both teams** - Joe Cannon, Fort Collins-born Colin Clark, Robin Fraser, Dan Gargan, Hérculez Gómez, Ty Harden, Ugo Ihemelu, Jovan Kirovski, David Kramer, Tyrone Marshall, Marvin Quijano, Marcelo Sarvas, Diego Serna, Nathan Sturgis, Greg Vanney and Craig Waibel.

**TEN THINGS TO KNOW AHEAD OF #COLvLA**

1. This will be the first time that the Rapids have played a match in the month of November since 2011, when they met Sporting Kansas City in the second leg of the Eastern Conference (11/2). That match was the last time the Rapids reached the Conference semifinals.

2. It comes six years to the day that the Rapids tackled Columbus Crew on the road in the second leg of the Eastern Conference semifinal (November 6, 2010). The Rapids lost 2-1 on the night, to leave the series level at 2-2 on aggregate. Colorado won the penalty shootout 5-4.

3. Sunday’s showdown is the latest the Rapids have played since facing FC Dallas in the 2010 MLS Cup final on November 21. Colorado’s record in November is 2-5-1.

4. The Rapids have not scored in the last four postseason games. Their last goal in the postseason was scored by Omar Cummings on October 27, 2011, at home to Columbus Crew in the one-off play-in game. The Rapids won 1-0.

5. This encounter will be the first playoff game at Dick’s Sporting Goods Park since October 30, 2011, when the Rapids faced, and fell 2-0, to Sporting Kansas City.

6. Rapids are 7-6-3 in home playoff games. Their first-ever home playoff game was on October 8, 1997 at Mile High Stadium, against then-named Kansas City Wizards.

7. They have met LA seven times in playoff games, including four occasions in Colorado. Their record at home to LA is 1-3-0.

8. The last time that LA traveled for the second leg of the Conference semifinals was in 2013. They won the home leg 1-0 on that occasion, before losing 2-0 after extra-time at Rio Tinto, as Real Salt Lake went through 2-1 on aggregate.

9. Only a 1-0 win inside the 90 minutes for the Rapids will send the game to extra-time. If the scores are level after extra-time (two periods of 15 minutes), then the match will be decided by penalty kicks.

10. Aside from a 1-0 scoreline in favor of the Rapids, any other win inside 90 minutes by a single goal margin (2-1, 3-2, 4-3, etc) will be enough for the Galaxy to triumph on the away goals rule. Away goals DO NOT count in extra-time.

**TOP 10 MINUTES PLAYED (REG. SEASON)**

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<td><em>Sébastien Le Toux</em></td>
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<td>Jared Watts</td>
<td>21 GP, 18 GS - 1,647 minutes</td>
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**GOLDEN BOY**

In his first season with the club, Shkëlzen Gashi earned Golden Boot honors after notching nine goals in 26 games. Gashi scored eight of his nine tallies away from home, with his only goal at Dick’s Sporting Goods Park taking place in the 2016 finale against Houston Dynamo.

**DSGP THE FORTRESS**

Following the 1-1 draw against the Dynamo in the last day of the regular season, the Rapids finished as the only unbeaten team at home (11-0-6) in Major League Soccer.

The last team to achieve this feat were the Dynamo in 2012 (11-0-6). Others to achieve this goal include LA Galaxy (12-0-5, 2011), Real Salt Lake (11-0-4, 2010) and San Jose Earthquakes (9-0-7, 2005).

The Rapids also claimed the most home points in franchise record (39) and the most home wins since the shootout era (11).

**DEFENSE FIRST**

- Goals Allowed - 32 (1st)
- Goals Allowed at home - 7 (1st)
- GAA - 0.94 (1st)
- GAA at home - 0.41 (1st)
- Clean Sheets - 13 (1st)
- Home Clean Sheets - 10 (1st)
- Opponents’ Shooting Accuracy - 30.9% (1st)

**JUST IN TIME**

Rapids and USMNT midfielder Jermaine Jones returned to action in the last game of the regular season after missing the last three months due to a knee injury. Jones also came on at halftime of the 1-0 defeat at LA Galaxy in Leg 1 of the semifinals. The club’s only AT&T MLS All-Star selection appeared in nine games (eight starts) with three goals and two assists.

**CHAMPIONS LEAGUE 2017-18**

For only the third time in their history, the Colorado Rapids will compete in the top club competition within CONCACAF.

They previously took part in the Champions Cup in 1998, and were then involved in the rebranded Champions League in 2011. They will be involved in the 2017-18 edition of the Champions League, the winners of which will play in the 2018 FIFA Club World Cup in the United Arab Emirates.

**PRESEASON 2017**

The Desert Diamond Cup, the premier MLS preseason tournament, returns for its sixth year. Next year’s edition features the most MLS sides, including Colorado Rapids, Sporting Kansas City, New England Revolution, Houston Dynamo, New York Red Bulls, and New York City FC.
## TALE OF THE TAPE (REG. SEASON)

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- Gashi (9 goals) vs. Top Scorer(s) dos Santos (14 goals)
- 435 Shots vs. 358 Shots
- 151 Shots On Goal vs. 142 Shots On Goal
- 13 Shutouts vs. 9 Shutouts

2nd (West) vs. 3rd (West) Standings

### FOLLOW THE RAPIDS ON TWITTER AND FACEBOOK

The latest news and information on the Rapids can be found online via social media.

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/ColoradoRapids](http://www.facebook.com/ColoradoRapids)
Twitter: [www.Twitter.com/ColoradoRapids](http://www.Twitter.com/ColoradoRapids)
Twitter in Spanish, [www.Twitter.com/LosRapids](http://www.Twitter.com/LosRapids)

Rapids players active on Twitter:

- Dominique Badji - @DBadji14
- John Berner - @JohnnyB_12_
- Marc Burch - @Marc_Burch
- Bobby Burling - @BobbyBurling
- Conor Doyle - @ConorDoyle34
- Kevin Doyle - @KevinDoyle1983
- Shkëlzen Gashi - @s_gashi11
- Marlon Hairston - @MARLYG94
- Tim Howard - @TimHoward16
- Jermaine Jones - @Jermainejunior
- Sébastien Le Toux - @SebastienLeToux
- Zac MacMath - @ZacMacMath
- Eric Miller - @emilller
- Zach Pfeffer - @ZachPfeffer_27
- Dillon Powers - @powerhour5
- Dillon Serna - @SernaDillon
- Axel Sjöberg - @SjöbergAxel
- Jared Watts - @JaredWatts02
- Mekeil Williams - @MekeilWilliams

Club President, Tim Hinchey - @tkhinchey3
Play-by-play commentator, Richard Fleming - @FlemingSport
Color analyst, Marcelo Balboa - @MarceloBalboa17

### MARCH FIXTURES

- 3/6: @ San Jose Earthquakes (L 1-0)
- 3/12: vs. LA Galaxy (W 1-0)
- 3/20: @ D.C. United (T 1-1)

### APRIL FIXTURES

- 4/2: vs. Toronto FC (W 1-0)
- 4/9: @ Real Salt Lake (L 1-0)
- 4/13: @ Sporting Kansas City (W 2-1)
- 4/16: vs. New York Red Bulls (W 2-1)
- 4/23: vs. Seattle Sounders FC (W 3-1)
- 4/30: @ Montreal Impact (T 2-2)

### MAY FIXTURES

- 5/7: vs. Real Salt Lake (W 1-0)
- 5/11: vs. Sporting Kansas City (W 1-0)
- 5/14: @ Columbus Crew SC (T 1-1)
- 5/21: @ Seattle Sounders FC (W 1-0)
- 5/28: vs. Philadelphia Union (T 1-1)

### JUNE FIXTURES

- 6/14: vs. Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC (W 1-0)
- 6/18: vs. Chicago Fire (W 2-1)
- 6/22: @ LA Galaxy (T 0-0)
- 6/29: @ FC Dallas (L 2-1)
- *Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup*

### JULY FIXTURES

- 7/4: vs. Portland Timbers (T 0-0)
- 7/9: @ Vancouver Whitecaps FC (T 2-2)
- 7/16: vs. Sporting Kansas City (W 1-0)
- 7/23: vs. FC Dallas (T 1-1)
- 7/30: @ New York City FC (L 5-1)

### AUGUST FIXTURES

- 8/6: vs. Vancouver Whitecaps FC (W 2-0)
- 8/13: @ LA Galaxy (T 1-1)
- 8/20: vs. Orlando City SC (T 0-0)
- 8/26: @ Real Salt Lake (L 2-1)

### SEPTEMBER FIXTURES

- 9/3: @ New England Revolution (L 2-0)
- 9/10: @ FC Dallas (W 1-0)
- 9/17: vs. San Jose Earthquakes (T 0-0)
- 9/24: @ Vancouver Whitecaps FC (T 3-3)

### OCTOBER FIXTURES

- 10/1: vs. Portland Timbers (W 1-0)
- 10/8: @ Houston Dynamo (W 3-2)
- 10/13: vs. San Jose Earthquakes (W 2-1)
- 10/16: @ Portland Timbers (L 1-0)
- 10/23: vs. Houston Dynamo (T 1-1)
- 10/30: @ LA Galaxy (L 1-0) - Conference Semifinal (Leg 1)

### NOVEMBER FIXTURES

- 11/6: vs. LA Galaxy - Conference Semifinal (Leg 2)

### RAPIDS, INDEPENDENCE EXTENSION

Earlier this week, the Rapids announced that they have extended their affiliation agreement with USL club Charlotte Independence through the 2017 season. This will mark the third year of the clubs’ partnership following the initial agreement signed prior to 2015.
GAME-BY-GAME LINEUPS, 2016 SEASON

@ San Jose Earthquakes (L 1-0) - March 6, 2016
Zac MacMath, Marlon Hairston (Marco Pappa 79’), Jared Watts, Axel Sjöberg, Eric Miller, Micheal Azira, Sam Cronin, Dominique Badji, Dillon Powers, Shkëlzen Gashi (Luis Solignac 67’), Kevin Doyle.
Subs not used: Chris Froschauer, Bobby Burling, Mekeil Williams, Dillon Serna, Conor Doyle.

vs. LA Galaxy (W 1-0) - March 12, 2016
Zac MacMath, Mekeil Williams, Axel Sjöberg, Jared Watts, March Burch, Micheal Azira, Sam Cronin, Dillon Powers, Dominique Badji (Marco Pappa 67’), Shkëlzen Gashi (Dillon Serna 83’), Kevin Doyle.
Subs not used: Chris Froschauer, Bobby Burling, Zach Pfeffer, Conor Doyle, Luis Solignac.

@ D.C. United (T 1-1) - March 20, 2016
Zac MacMath, Mekeil Williams, Jared Watts, Axel Sjöberg, Marc Burch, Micheal Azira, Sam Cronin, Dominique Badji, Dillon Powers, Marco Pappa (Luis Solignac 72’), Kevin Doyle.
Subs not used: Chris Froschauer, Bobby Burling, Dillon Serna, Conor Doyle.

vs. Toronto FC (W 1-0) - April 2, 2016
Zac MacMath, Eric Miller, Axel Sjöberg, Bobby Burling, March Burch, Micheal Azira, Sam Cronin, Dillon Powers, Marco Pappa (Dominique Badji 61’), Shkëlzen Gashi (Conor Doyle 73’), Luis Solignac.
Subs not used: Chris Froschauer, Zach Pfeffer.

@ Real Salt Lake (L 1-0) - April 9, 2016
Zac MacMath, Eric Miller, Axel Sjöberg, Bobby Burling, March Burch, Micheal Azira, Sam Cronin, Marco Pappa (Mekeil Williams 69), Shkëlzen Gashi (Conor Doyle 89), Luis Solignac.
Subs not used: Chris Froschauer, Zach Pfeffer, Dillon Serna, Conor Doyle.

@ Sporting Kansas City (W 2-1) - April 13, 2016
Zac MacMath, Dillon Serna, Bobby Burling, Eric Miller, Marc Burch, Sam Cronin, Micheal Azira, Dominique Badji, Marco Pappa (Dominique Badji 67’), Shkëlzen Gashi; Luis Solignac.
Subs not used: Chris Froschauer, Zach Pfeffer, Dillon Serna, Conor Doyle.

vs. New York Red Bulls (W 2-1) - April 16, 2016
Zac MacMath, Mekeil Williams, Bobby Burling, Eric Miller, Marc Burch, Micheal Azira, Sam Cronin, Jermaine Jones, Marco Pappa (Dillon Serna 82’), Sam Cronin, Dillon Powers, Marco Pappa (Dominique Badji 61’), Shkëlzen Gashi (Conor Doyle 89), Luis Solignac (Conor Doyle 85’).
Subs not used: Chris Froschauer, Zach Pfeffer, Dillon Serna, Conor Doyle.

vs. Seattle Sounders FC (W 3-1) - April 23, 2016
Zac MacMath, Eric Miller (Dennis Castillo 60’), Bobby Burling, Axel Sjöberg, Mekeil Williams, Micheal Azira, Sam Cronin, Jermaine Jones (Dillon Powers 87’), Dominique Badji (Kevin Doyle 78’), Shkëlzen Gashi, Luis Solignac.
Subs not used: Chris Froschauer, Dillon Serna, Conor Doyle.

@ Montreal Impact (T 2-2) - April 30, 2016
Zac MacMath, Marlon Hairston, Bobby Burling, Axel Sjöberg, Mekeil Williams, Micheal Azira, Sam Cronin, Jermaine Jones, Luis Solignac, Shkëlzen Gashi (Dillon Serna 89’), Kevin Doyle.
Subs not used: Chris Froschauer, Marc Burch, Jared Watts, Dillon Serna, Conor Doyle.

vs. Real Salt Lake (W 1-0) - May 7, 2016
Zac MacMath, Mekeil Williams, Bobby Burling, Axel Sjöberg, Marc Burch, Micheal Azira, Sam Cronin, Jermaine Jones, Shkëlzen Gashi (Dillon Serna 89’), Luis Solignac (Dominique Badji 77’), Kevin Doyle.
Subs not used: Chris Froschauer, Marlon Hairston, Jared Watts, Dillon Serna, Conor Doyle.

vs. Sporting Kansas City (W 1-0) - May 11, 2016
Zac MacMath, Mekeil Williams, Bobby Burling, Axel Sjöberg, Marc Burch, Micheal Azira, Sam Cronin, Jermaine Jones (Dillon Powers 87’), Dominique Badji, Luis Solignac (Dillon Serna 76’), Kevin Doyle.
Subs not used: Chris Froschauer, Dennis Castillo, Marlon Hairston, Jared Watts, Conor Doyle.

@ Columbus Crew SC (T 1-1) - May 14, 2016
Zac MacMath, Mekeil Williams, Jared Watts, Axel Sjöberg, Marc Burch (Marlon Hairston 87’), Micheal Azira, Sam Cronin, Jermaine Jones (Dillon Powers 79’), Shkëlzen Gashi, Luis Solignac, Kevin Doyle.
Subs not used: Chris Froschauer, Dennis Castillo, Bobby Burling, Dillon Serna, Dominique Badji.
GAME-BY-GAME LINEUPS, 2016 SEASON (cont.)

@ Seattle Sounders FC (W 1-0) - May 21, 2016
Zac MacMath, Mekeil Williams, Bobby Burling, Axel Sjöberg, Marc Burch, Micheal Azira, Sam Cronin, Jermaine Jones, Dillon Serna (Marlon Hairston 77'), Luis Solignac (Eric Miller 83'); Kevin Doyle (Jared Watts 90'+1').
Subs not used: Chris Froschauer, Dennis Castillo, Dillon Powers, Conor Doyle.

vs. Philadelphia Union (T 1-1) - May 28, 2016
Zac MacMath, Mekeil Williams, Bobby Burling (Jared Watts 65'), Axel Sjöberg, Marc Burch, Micheal Azira, Sam Cronin, Dillon Serna (Marlon Hairston 85'), Luis Solignac (Dominique Badji 81'), Kevin Doyle.
Subs not used: Chris Froschauer, Dennis Castillo, Eric Miller, Caleb Calvert, Conor Doyle.

vs. Chicago Fire (W 2-1) - June 18, 2016
Zac MacMath, Mekeil Williams, Eric Miller, Axel Sjöberg, Marc Burch, Micheal Azira, Sam Cronin, Dillon Powers (Marco Pappa 83'), Marlon Hairston (Dillon Serna 85'), Luis Solignac, Kevin Doyle.
Subs not used: Chris Froschauer, Dennis Castillo, Jared Watts, Conor Doyle.

@ LA Galaxy (T 0-0) - June 22, 2016
Zac MacMath, Dennis Castillo, Jared Watts, Axel Sjöberg, Eric Miller, Micheal Azira, Sam Cronin, Dillon Powers, Marco Pappa (Dominique Badji 73'), Marlon Hairston (Luis Solignac 78'), Kevin Doyle.
Subs not used: Chris Froschauer, Emmanuel Appiah, Dillon Serna, Conor Doyle.

vs. Portland Timbers (T 0-0) - July 4, 2016
Tim Howard, Eric Miller, Jared Watts, Axel Sjöberg, Mekeil Williams, Micheal Azira, Sam Cronin, Dillon Powers, Marco Pappa (Marlon Hairston 69'), Shkëlzen Gashi (Marco Pappa 23'), Kevin Doyle.
Subs not used: Zac MacMath, Dennis Castillo, Marc Burch, Luis Solignac.

@ Vancouver Whitecaps FC (F 2-1) - July 9, 2016
Tim Howard, Eric Miller, Jared Watts, Axel Sjöberg, Mekeil Williams, Micheal Azira, Sam Cronin, Dillon Powers (Luis Solignac 84'), Marco Pappa (Marc Burch 74'), Shkëlzen Gashi (Marlon Hairston 79'), Kevin Doyle.
Subs not used: Zac MacMath, Dominic Badji, Conor Doyle.

vs. Sporting Kansas City (W 1-0) - July 16, 2016
Tim Howard, Mekeil Williams, Jared Watts, Axel Sjöberg, Marc Burch, Micheal Azira, Sam Cronin, Dillon Powers, Marco Pappa (Marlon Hairston 62'), Shkëlzen Gashi (Luis Solignac 87'), Kevin Doyle.
Subs not used: Zac MacMath, Bobby Burling, Dennis Castillo, Dominic Badji, Conor Doyle.

vs. FC Dallas (T 1-1) - July 23, 2016
Tim Howard, Mekeil Williams (Eric Miller HT), Jared Watts, Axel Sjöberg, Marc Burch, Micheal Azira, Sam Cronin, Dillon Powers (Marco Pappa 84'), Marlon Hairston (Luis Solignac 79'), Shkëlzen Gashi, Kevin Doyle.
Subs not used: Zac MacMath, Bobby Burling, Dennis Castillo, Dominic Badji.

@ New York City FC (W 5-1) - July 30, 2016
Tim Howard, Mekeil Williams (Eric Miller HT), Jared Watts, Axel Sjöberg (Dominique Badji 72'), Marc Burch, Micheal Azira, Sam Cronin, Dillon Powers, Marlon Hairston (Marco Pappa HT), Shkëlzen Gashi, Kevin Doyle.
Subs not used: Zac MacMath, Bobby Burling, Dennis Castillo, Mekeil Williams, Joseph Greenspan.

vs. Vancouver Whitecaps FC (W 2-0) - August 6, 2016
Tim Howard, Eric Miller, Bobby Burling, Axel Sjöberg, Marc Burch, Dillon Powers, Sam Cronin, Marlon Hairston (Marco Pappa 89'), Shkëlzen Gashi (Jared Watts 89'), Dominique Badji (Sébastien Le Toux 74'), Kevin Doyle.
Subs not used: Zac MacMath, Dennis Castillo, Mekeil Williams, Joseph Greenspan.

@ LA Galaxy (T 1-1) - August 13, 2016
Tim Howard, Eric Miller, Bobby Burling, Axel Sjöberg, Marc Burch, Dillon Powers, Sam Cronin, Marlon Hairston, Shkëlzen Gashi (Micheal Azira 73'), Dominic Badji (Sébastien Le Toux HT), Kevin Doyle.
Subs not used: Zac MacMath, Dennis Castillo, Mekeil Williams, Jared Watts, Marco Pappa.

vs. Orlando City SC (T 0-0) - August 20, 2016
Tim Howard, Eric Miller, Bobby Burling, Axel Sjöberg, Marc Burch, Dillon Powers, Sam Cronin (Micheal Azira 81'), Sébastien Le Toux (Marco Pappa 75'), Marlon Hairston, Shkëlzen Gashi, Kevin Doyle (Dominique Badji 89').
Subs not used: Zac MacMath, Dennis Castillo, Jared Watts, Mekeil Williams.
GAME-BY-GAME LINEUPS, 2016 SEASON (cont.)

@ Real Salt Lake (L 2-1) - August 26, 2016
Tim Howard; Eric Miller, Bobby Burling, Axel Sjöberg, Marc Burch; Dillon Powers (Micheal Azira 61’), Sam Cronin; Dominique Badji (Caleb Calvert 61’), Shkëlzen Gashi, Marco Pappa; Kevin Doyle.
Subs not used: Zac MacMath, Dennis Castillo, Jared Watts, Mekeil Williams, Conor Doyle.

@ New England Revolution (L 2-0) - September 3, 2016
Zac MacMath, Eric Miller, Bobby Burling, Axel Sjöberg, Marc Burch; Micheal Azira (Caleb Calvert 78’), Sam Cronin; Dominique Badji, Dillon Powers, Sebastien Le Toux (Marlon Hairston 58’), Kevin Doyle.
Subs not used: John Berner, Dennis Castillo, Jared Watts, Conor Doyle.

@ FC Dallas (W 1-0) - September 10, 2016
Tim Howard, Eric Miller, Jared Watts, Axel Sjöberg, Marc Burch, Micheal Azira, Sam Cronin, Dillon Powers, Marlon Hairston (Caleb Calvert 86’), Sebastien Le Toux (Kevin Doyle 80’ (Mekeil Williams 90+2’)), Dominique Badji.
Subs not used: Zac MacMath, Dennis Castillo.

vs. San Jose Earthquakes (T 0-0) - September 17, 2016
Tim Howard; Eric Miller, Jared Watts, Axel Sjöberg, Marc Burch, Micheal Azira, Sam Cronin (Caleb Calvert 83’), Dillon Powers, Marlon Hairston (Marco Pappa 89’), Sebastien Le Toux (Shkëlzen Gashi 63’), Dominique Badji.
Subs not used: Zac MacMath, Dennis Castillo, Mekeil Williams, Zach Pfeffer.

@ Vancouver Whitecaps FC (T 3-3) - September 24, 2016
Tim Howard, Eric Miller, Jared Watts, Axel Sjöberg, Marc Burch, Micheal Azira, Sam Cronin, Dillon Powers (Marco 84’), Marlon Hairston (Sebastien Le Toux 81’), Shkëlzen Gashi (Mekeil Williams 89’), Dominique Badji.
Subs not used: Zac MacMath, Dennis Castillo, Marco Pappa.

vs. Portland Timbers (W 1-0) - October 1, 2016
Tim Howard; Eric Miller, Jared Watts, Axel Sjöberg, Marc Burch; Dillon Powers, Sam Cronin; Marlon Hairston (Caleb Calvert 82’), Shkëlzen Gashi, Sebastien Le Toux (Mekeil Williams 85’); Dominique Badji.
Subs not used: Zac MacMath, Dennis Castillo, Marco Pappa.

@ Houston Dynamo (W 3-2) - October 8, 2016
Tim Howard, Eric Miller, Jared Watts, Axel Sjöberg, Marc Burch, Micheal Azira, Sam Cronin, Dillon Powers, Shkëlzen Gashi (Dennis Castillo 88’), Sebastien Le Toux (Caleb Calvert 73’), Dominique Badji (Joe Greenspan 90*4).
Subs not used: Zac MacMath, Marco Pappa, Conor Doyle.

vs. San Jose Earthquakes (W 2-1) - October 13, 2016
Tim Howard, Eric Miller, Jared Watts, Axel Sjöberg, Marc Burch, Micheal Azira, Dillon Powers, Shkëlzen Gashi (Caleb Calvert 69’), Sebastien Le Toux, Kevin Doyle (Dennis Castillo 89’), Dominique Badji.
Subs not used: Zac MacMath, Bobby Burling, Joe Greenspan, Marco Pappa, Conor Doyle.

@ Portland Timbers (L 1-0) - October 16, 2016
Tim Howard, Eric Miller, Bobby Burling, Jared Watts, Mekeil Williams, Micheal Azira, Sam Cronin, Shkëlzen Gashi, Marco Pappa, Kevin Doyle, Caleb Calvert (Dominique Badji 67’).
Subs not used: Zac MacMath, Marc Burch, Dennis Castillo, Axel Sjöberg, Dillon Powers, Sebastien Le Toux.

vs. Houston Dynamo (T 1-1) - October 23, 2016
Tim Howard, Eric Miller, Jared Watts, Axel Sjöberg, Marc Burch; Dillon Powers, Sam Cronin (Jermaine Jones 68’); Shkëlzen Gashi, Kevin Doyle, Sebastien Le Toux (Marlon Hairston 61’); Dominique Badji.
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2016 MLS SEASON CATEGORICAL RECORD

Overall | Home | Road
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Overall MLS Games | 15-6-13 | 11-0-6 | 4-6-7
Against Western Conference | 12-4-8 | 9-0-4 | 4-4-4
Against Eastern Conference | 3-2-5 | 3-0-2 | 0-2-3
Scoring 0 goals | 0-4-4 | 0-0-3 | 0-4-1
Scoring 1 goal | 8-2-6 | 7-0-3 | 2-2-3
Scoring 2 goals | 5-0-2 | 4-0-0 | 1-0-2
Scoring 3 goals | 2-0-1 | 1-0-0 | 1-0-1
Scoring 4+ goals | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0
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Conceding 3 goals | 0-0-1 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-1
Conceding 4+ goals | 0-1-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-1-0
Scoring first | 15-1-4 | 11-0-2 | 4-1-2
Conceding first | 0-5-4 | 0-0-1 | 0-5-3
Leading at halftime | 7-0-2 | 5-0-1 | 2-0-1
Tied at halftime | 8-3-7 | 6-0-4 | 2-3-3
Trailing at halftime | 0-3-4 | 0-0-1 | 0-3-3
On Altitude | 15-4-12 | 11-0-6 | 4-4-6
On UniMas | 0-1-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-1-0
On ESPN | 0-1-1 | 0-0-0 | 0-1-1
On Fox | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0
In March | 1-1-1 | 1-0-0 | 0-1-1
In April | 4-1-1 | 3-0-0 | 1-1-1
In May | 3-0-2 | 2-0-1 | 1-0-1
In June | 1-0-1 | 1-0-0 | 0-0-1
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RANGERS NATIONAL TEAM PLAYERS (as of 08/26/16)

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2016 MLS SEASON MISCELLANEOUS STATS

Quickest Goal: 5' Gashi - 8/26 @ RSL

Game Winning Goal after 75': 90'+5' Pappa - 3/12 vs. LA; 82' Gashi - 4/13 @ SKC; 91' Badji - 4/16 vs. NY; 78' Serna - 5/11 vs. SKC; 89' Pappa - 6/18 vs. CHI; 78' Hairston - 7/16 vs. SKC

Game Tying Goals after 75': 90'+5' Sjoberg - 7/9 @ VAN

Multi-Goal Games: Gashi - 9/24 @ VAN; Badji - 10/8 @ HOU; K. Doyle - 10/13 vs. SJ

Hat Tricks Against: Lampard - 7/30 @ NYC

Red Cards: Miller - 7/9 @ VAN; Azira - 7/30 @ NYC

Opp. Red Cards: Cheyrou - 4/2 vs. TOR; Evans - 4/23 vs. SEA; Opara - 5/11 vs. SKC; Watson - 9/24 @ VAN

Penalties for: Gashi - 4/23 vs. SEA (miss); Gashi - 9/24 @ VAN

Penalties against: Techera - 7/9 @ VAN; Lampard - 7/30 @ NYC; Movsisyan - 8/26 @ RSL (miss); Morales - 8/26 @ RSL (miss);
Nguyen - 9/3 @ NE (miss); Adi - 10/16 @ POR; Adi - 10/16 @ POR (miss)

2016 RAPIDS AWARD WINNERS

MLS Team of the Week: Azira (28), Burch (15, 22), Cronin (20), K. Doyle (18, 33), Gashi (5, 9, 29), Hairston (22), Howard (25, 27, 28), Jones (7), Sjoberg (12, 19), Williams (2, 11)

MLS Goal of the Week: Gashi (23, 29)
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**INT** - International player  
**DEV** - Developmental player  
**Ga** - Generation adidas signing  
**DP** - Designated Player  
**GC** - Former foreigner playing as a domestic due to green card status

**Technical Director:** Paul Bravo  
**Head Coach:** Pablo Mastroeni  
**Assistant Coaches:** John Spencer, Steve Cooke, Chris Sharpe (Goalkeepers)  
**Head Athletic Trainer:** Michael Heitkamp

## COLORADO RAPIDS TRANSACTIONS

- **December 9, 2015:** selected former Seattle Sounders FC midfielder Micheal Azira 2nd via the Waiver Draft.  
- **December 9, 2015:** defender Sean St. Ledger agrees to new contract.  
- **December 10, 2015:** traded natural 2017 second-round pick to Philadelphia Union in exchange for goalkeeper Zac MacMath.  
- **December 15, 2015:** acquired midfielder Marco Pappa from Seattle Sounders FC in exchange for general allocation money.  
- **January 15, 2016:** traded second overall pick in 2016 MLS SuperDraft pick to Philadelphia Union for midfielder Zach Pfeffer and general allocation money.  
- **January 18, 2016:** traded goalkeeper Clint Irwin to Toronto FC in exchange for targeted allocation money and a 2016 third-round pick and a conditional 2017 first-round pick.  
- **January 20, 2016:** defender Bobby Burling agrees to new contract.  
- **January 21, 2016:** John Spencer joins Coaching Staff as First Team Assistant Coach.  
- **January 22, 2016:** traded defender Maynor Figueroa to FC Dallas in exchange for general allocation money.  
- **January 26, 2016:** loaned midfielder Juan Ramirez to U.D. Almeria (Spain) for period of six months.  
- **February 1, 2016:** signed midfielder Shklezhen Gashi as a Designated Player, formerly with FC Basel (Switzerland).  
- **February 1, 2016:** traded midfielder Marcelo Sarvas to D.C. United for targeted allocation money and a conditional 2018 pick.  
- **February 4, 2016:** signed defender Mekeil Williams from Antigua GFC (Guatemala).  
- **February 9, 2016:** acquired forward Connor Doyle from D.C. United in exchange for a 2017 third-round pick.  
- **February 14, 2016:** acquired goalkeeper Eric Miller from Montreal Impact in exchange for general allocation money and natural 2018 first-round pick.  
- **February 25, 2016:** traded general allocation money to San Jose Earthquakes for an international roster slot and targeted allocation money.  
- **March 4, 2016:** signed 2016 MLS SuperDraft selections Emmanuel Appiah (15th overall) and Chris Froschauer (43rd overall).  
- **March 4, 2016:** acquired midfielder Jermaine Jones from New England Revolution in exchange for general allocation money and natural 2017 first-round pick.  
- **March 20, 2016:** acquired goalkeeper Tim Howard from Everton as a Designated Player via the Allocation Process after securing the #1 spot in the Allocation Ranking Order.  
- **April 22, 2016:** signed 2016 MLS SuperDraft selection Dennis Castillo (37th overall).  
- **June 30, 2016:** waived goalkeeper Chris Froschauer and midfielder Emmanuel Appiah.
STEVE COOKE
ASSISTANT COACH

Joined the Colorado Rapids coaching staff full-time in February 2010, sharing roles within the first team and academy. Named assistant coach with the appointment of Pablo Mastroeni in March, 2014.

Prior to joining the Rapids, Cooke had enjoyed a 20 year full-time coaching career in England and in the United States.

Arrived in the United States following a six year career with Sheffield Wednesday, then of the English Premier League, where he performed duties as Youth Team Coach and Center of Excellence Coach.

He holds both the UEFA “A” Coaching License and the USSF “A” Coaching License.

CHRIS SHARPE
ASSISTANT COACH/GOALKEEPERS

Named an Assistant Coach at the start of the 2014 season, joining Pablo Mastroeni’s technical staff, having served as a player and coach with the team since 2008.

Sharpe originally arrived in Colorado in 2008 as a player, forming a part of the Rapids squad while serving as an MLS League Pool Goalkeeper, meaning that all MLS clubs could call upon him if their goalkeepers were unavailable.

In his five years in that MLS role, Sharpe spent nearly all his time in Colorado, but suited up as a reserve for eight other clubs across the league.

He has spent time in Australia, Denmark and England. Represented Australia at U-20 level in qualifying for the 2001 FIFA Youth World Cup.

PABLO MASTROENI
HEAD COACH

Birth date: August 29, 1976
Club honors: MLS Eastern Conference Championship (2010); MLS Cup (2010).
International: 65 appearances for USA

Named the seventh Head Coach in Rapids history on March 6, 2014. Holds club records for most games played (225), games started (217) and minutes played (18,669), and served as the Rapids captain from late 2004 until his trade to the LA Galaxy during the 2013 season. Featured for the USA at the 2002 and 2006 FIFA World Cup.

CLAUDIO LOPEZ
DIRECTOR OF SOCCER

Prior to joining the Rapids in January, 2015, Irishman Smith had spent the last three years with European soccer’s governing body, UEFA, and previously worked for the Football Association of Ireland (FAI). He works in direct support of Paul Bravo, vice president of soccer operations and technical director, and head coach, Pablo Mastroeni.

His primary focus is to introduce a more data analytical approach to player recruitment, player identification, performance analysis and scouting processes.

Smith had been a key player in UEFA’s Financial Analysis Group, which assesses the top professional European clubs in the areas of finance, corporate and sporting structures.

JOHN SPENCER
ASSISTANT COACH

Returned to Colorado as Assistant Coach in February 2016.


Internationally, Spencer earned 14 caps for the Scotland National Team and was on the 22-man roster at the UEFA EURO 1996.

Upon retiring, Spencer joined Houston Dynamo as an assistant coach. During his time with the Dynamo, Spencer won consecutive MLS Cups in 2006-07. Following the 2010 season, he was selected as Portland Timbers’ first ever Head Coach. Spencer finished with a record of 14-19-12 at the Timbers.

PÁDRAIG SMITH
SPORTING DIRECTOR

Prior to joining the Rapids in January, 2015, Irishman Smith had spent the last three years with European soccer’s governing body, UEFA, and previously worked for the Football Association of Ireland (FAI). He works in direct support of Paul Bravo, vice president of soccer operations and technical director, and head coach, Pablo Mastroeni.

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COLORADO RAPIDS GAME NOTES
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**#22 MICHEAL AZIRA**

Position: Midfielder  
Hometown: Kampala, Uganda  
Height: 5 feet 10  
Weight: 160 pounds  
Birth date: August 22, 1987  
Citizenship: Uganda  
Acquired: Signed via the Waiver Draft on 12/9/15.  

**Rapids’ Last Match (10/30/16 @ LA):**  
played 90’ at midfield; registered one shot.  
Last MLS Goal: N/A  
Last MLS Assist: 10/08/16 @ HOU  
2016: Finished the regular season with career high stats in MLS, in terms of games played (31), games started (28) and minutes played (2503).  

**Quick Stats:**  
- Started first 21 games, playing all but eight minutes of the first 20.  
- He was sent off for the first time in his MLS career following two bookable offenses in the team’s 5-1 loss at NYC on July 31.  
- Azira has played more minutes and had more starts than in his previous two seasons combined when at Seattle Sounders FC.  
- He made his 50th MLS appearance in the 2-0 loss at New England (25 appearances for the Rapids and 25 over two seasons with the Sounders).  
- Finished the regular season with career-high stats in MLS, in terms of games played (31), games started (28) and minutes played (2503).  

**#12 JOHN BERNER**

Position: Goalkeeper  
Hometown: St. Louis, Missouri  
Height: 6 feet 3  
Weight: 205 pounds  
Birth date: February 14, 1991  
Citizenship: USA  

**Rapids’ Last Match (10/30/16 @ LA):**  
played 90’ at midfield; registered one shot.  
Last MLS Goal: N/A  
Last MLS Assist: 10/08/16 @ HOU  
2016: Finished rookie season with a 1-1-3 record.  

**Quick Stats:**  
- Berner made the 18 for the Rapids just once in 2016, for the 2-0 loss at New England Revolution on September 3, but swiftly returned to goalkeeping duties at USL affiliate Charlotte Independence, where he spent most of the year.  
- With Independence, Berner made 20 appearances and enjoyed a 0.96 GAA. Last season, Berner appeared in 16 matches during his loan spell with USL affiliate Charlotte Independence.  
- Started the first three games of the 2014 campaign after a pre-season injury to regular keeper Clint Irwin. During that spell, he experienced a tie, a win and a loss. Finished rookie season with a 1-1-3 record.  

**#14 DOMINIQUE BADJI**

Position: Forward  
Hometown: Dakar, Senegal  
Height: 6 foot 2  
Weight: 175 pounds  
Birth date: October 16, 1992  
Citizenship: Senegal  

**Rapids’ Last Match (10/30/16 @ LA):**  
played 90’ at midfield/forward; registered two shots.  
Last MLS Goal: 10/08/16 @ HOU  
Last MLS Assist: 10/23/16 vs. HOU  
2016: tallied six goals and four assists in 27 games (17 starts).  

**Quick Stats:**  
- His opening goal of the 2016 season was the game-winner in the Snow Clasico 2, versus New York Red Bulls on April 16.  
- Badji followed this with an assist in the 3-1 home win over Seattle Sounders FC (4/23), before netting his second of the season in the 2-0 victory over Vancouver Whitecaps FC at DSGP on August 6.  
- His campaign caught fire when he was moved up top during the absence due to injury of Kevin Doyle.  
- Badji finished the season with six goals and four assists, both career highs, while also logging more appearances, starts and minutes than in his rookie season.  
- His season high arguably came on September 10, when his goal condemned league-leading FC Dallas to their first home defeat of the season and ended the Rapids’ run of two defeats in a row.  

**#4 MARC BURCH**

Position: Defender  
Hometown: Cincinnati, Ohio  
Height: 6 feet 1  
Weight: 180 pounds  
Birth date: May 7, 1984  
Citizenship: USA  
Acquired: Selected with the 11th pick in Stage 1 of the 2013 Re-Entry Draft from Seattle Sounders FC.  

**Rapids’ Last Match (10/30/16 @ LA):**  
played 90’ at left back.  
Last MLS Goal: 08/20/14 vs LA  
Last MLS Assist: 10/13/16 vs. SJ  
2016: MLS Team of the Week (Weeks 15, 22); clocked more minutes (2,443) than in any of his previous 10 seasons in MLS.  

**Quick Stats:**  
- Now in his 11th season in MLS, Burch chalked-up his 200th regular season appearance against the team that drafted him in 2006, the LA Galaxy, on August 13. The match finished 1-1.  
- Burch had what many consider to have been his most consistent season, during which he set career highs in games started (27) and minutes played (2443).  
- In his previous 10 seasons in MLS, Burch had only once gone beyond 2,000 minutes (2009, when with D.C. United).  
- His 28 appearances has only been bettered once in his previous 10 seasons, when with Seattle Sounders FC in 2012 (29 appearances/19 starts).
**#23 BOBBY BURLING**

**Position:** Defender  
**Hometown:** Monument, Colorado  
**Height:** 6 feet 5  
**Weight:** 195 pounds  
**Birth date:** October 10, 1984  
**Citizenship:** USA  
**Acquired:** Selected 3rd by the Rapids via the Waiver Draft, on Dec. 10, 2014.  
**Rapids' Last Match (10/30/16 @ LA):** DNP, but in the 18.  
**Last MLS Goal:** 04/03/16 @ MTL  
**Last MLS Assist:** 08/27/11 @ TOR (for SJ)  
**2016:** Missed seven games following knee surgery.  

Quick Stats:  
- His only goal of the season was the second equalizer in a 2-2 tie at Montreal Impact on April 30.  
- Since joining his hometown team at the start of 2015, Burling has scored more goals than in his previous eight seasons in MLS.  
- He made his 150th MLS appearance in the 1-0 win at CenturyLink Field against Seattle Sounders FC (5/21).  
- In total, Burling was out for 13 games due to a combination of injuries, with the Rapids going 6-1-6 in his absence.  
- Made the return from his second lengthy lay-off at Portland, on October 16, for his first appearance since September 3.

**#29 CALEB CALVERT**

**Position:** Forward  
**Hometown:** Wrightwood, California  
**Height:** 6 feet 2  
**Weight:** 160 pounds  
**Birth date:** October 22, 1996  
**Citizenship:** USA  
**Acquired:** Joined the Rapids from the Chivas USA dispersal draft in Nov. 2014.  
**Rapids' Last Match (10/30/16 @ LA):** DNP, but in the 18.  
**Last MLS Goal:** N/A  
**Last MLS Assist:** N/A  
**2016:** Made professional debut on 8/26 @ RSL. Made professional start on 10/16 @ POR.  

Quick Stats:  
- Loaned out to USL affiliate Charlotte Independence on 3/18.  
- He was recalled by the Rapids after impressing in Charlotte, netting six goals and two assists in 21 appearances (20 starts).  
- Finally made his MLS debut on August 26 in the 2-1 defeat at Real Salt Lake, entering after 61 minutes at Rio Tinto Stadium for Badji.  
- Calvert's first appearance in MLS had been a long time coming, having initially signed a Homegrown contract with Chivas USA on July 5, 2013 when aged 16 years and eight months.  
- His first start in MLS came at Portland on October 16. He played 67 minutes, before being replaced by Dominiqe Badji.

**#26 DENNIS CASTILLO**

**Position:** Defender  
**Hometown:** San Jose, Costa Rica  
**Height:** 5 feet 10  
**Weight:** 160 pounds  
**Birth date:** April 30, 1993  
**Citizenship:** Costa Rica  
**Acquired:** Selected 37th overall in 2016 MLS SuperDraft.  
**Rapids' Last Match (10/30/16 @ LA):** DNP, not in the 18.  
**Last MLS Goal:** N/A  
**Last MLS Assist:** 04/23/16 vs. SEA  
**2016:** assisted in first professional appearance - 4/23 vs. SEA  

Quick Stats:  
- Signed to a MLS contract on April 22.  
- He made his MLS debut a day after signing a contract, replacing Eric Miller in the 60th minute of the home game with Seattle Sounders FC (April 23). In that game he provided the cross for Kevin Doyle's first goal of the season.  
- Castillo made his first start in MLS on June 22 in the 0-0 draw at LA Galaxy, playing the full 90 minutes.  
- His next appearance in MLS was not until October 8, when he played the final two minutes of the 3-2 win at Houston Dynamo.  
- Castillo's final appearance of the 2016 regular season came in the last minute of the 2-1 home win over San Jose Earthquakes (10/13).

**#6 SAM CRONIN**

**Position:** Midfielder  
**Hometown:** Atlanta, Georgia  
**Height:** 5 feet 10  
**Weight:** 165 pounds  
**Birth date:** December 12, 1986  
**Citizenship:** USA  
**Acquired:** Joined via a trade with San Jose Earthquakes, signing on January 19, 2015 for allocation money.  
**Rapids' Last Match (10/30/16 @ LA):** played 90' at midfield; registered one shot.  
**Last MLS Goal:** 05/28/16 vs. PHI  
**Last MLS Assist:** 10/21/15 @ SKC  
**2016:** played and started 33 matches; led team in minutes played (2,924).  

Quick Stats:  
- In his eighth season in MLS, Cronin wore the captain's armband in his second season with the Rapids.  
- Made his 200th MLS appearance in the opening game of the 2016 season, a 1-0 loss at San Jose Earthquakes.  
- Played over 2,000 minutes for a fifth season in a row.  
- His only goal of the season came in the 1-1 home draw with Philadelphia Union on May 28.  
- Started the first 31 games, but then missed the 2-1 home win over San Jose (10/13) due to yellow card accumulation.  
- Made 33 appearances (all starts) in 2016. Only once in his previous seven seasons in MLS had he bettered both appearances and starts, when he started all 34 games for San Jose Earthquakes in 2013.
#19 CONOR DOYLE
Position: Forward
Hometown: McKinney, Texas
Height: 6 foot 2
Weight: 172 pounds
Birth date: October 13, 1991
Citizenship: USA & Ireland
Acquired: Signed on March 20, 2015, as the club’s third Designated Player
Rapids’ Last Match (10/30/16 @ LA): DNP, not in the 18
Last MLS Goal: 06/24/15 @ CHI (for DC)
Last MLS Assist: 08/03/13 vs. MTL (for DC)
2016: spent part of the 2016 campaign on loan with Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC.

Quick Stats:
- He made his Rapids debut as a substitute for Shkëlzen Gashi after 73 minutes of the 1-0 win over Toronto FC (April 2) at Dick's Sporting Goods Park.
- Doyle made only three substitute appearances for a total of 23 minutes.
- His last appearance of the 2016 regular season was April 16 and the 2-1 home win over New York Red Bulls.

#11 SHKELZEN GASHI
Position: Forward
Hometown: Zurich, Switzerland
Height: 6 feet
Weight: 165 pounds
Birth date: July 18, 1988
Citizenship: Albania & Switzerland
Acquired: Signed on February 1, 2016, as the club’s fourth Designated Player.
Rapids’ Last Match (10/30/16 @ LA): played 90’ at midfield; registered one shot.
Last MLS Goal: 10/23/16 vs. HOU
Last MLS Assist: 07/09/16 @ VAN
2016: MLS Team of the Week (Weeks 5, 9, 29); Rapids’ Golden Boot with nine goals.

Quick Stats:
- Scored the fastest goal of the season the with opener at RSL on August 26 after just five minutes. It was the first goal scored by the Rapids inside the first 15 minutes of a game in 2016.
- Played 60 minutes of Albania’s weather-delayed 2-1 home win over Macedonia in their opening 2018 World Cup qualifier (September 5/6).
- Scored a team-leading nine goals, two of which were voted AT&T MLS Goal of the Week (in the 1-1 draw at LA, 8/13, and the 3-3 tie at Vancouver, 9/24).
- His only goal at Dick's Sporting Goods Park came in the last game of the regular season, a 1-1 tie with Houston Dynamo (10/23).

#9 KEVIN DOYLE
Position: Forward
Hometown: Adamstown, Rep. of Ireland
Height: 6 foot
Weight: 179 pounds
Birth date: September 18, 1983
Citizenship: Ireland
Acquired: Signed on March 20, 2015, as the club’s third Designated Player
Rapids’ Last Match (10/30/16 @ LA): played 70’ at forward.
Last MLS Goal: 07/09/16 @ VAN
Last MLS Assist: 07/09/16 @ VAN
2016: missed four games due to injury while with Rep. of Ireland. MLS Team of the Week (Weeks 18, 33).

Quick Stats:
- His first goal of 2016 came as a substitute in the 3-1 win over Seattle Sounders FC on April 23.
- Added goals in the tie at Columbus Crew SC (May 14), the win over Chicago Fire (June 18) and the 2-0 home victory versus Vancouver Whitecaps FC (August 6). In that game against the Whitecaps he managed his first goal/assist double in MLS.
- On October 13, Doyle struck twice - including once from the penalty spot - as the Rapids defeated San Jose Earthquakes 2-1 to go top of the Supporters’ Shield standings.
- Finished the regular season playing underneath Dominique Badji in the “10’ role.
- He scored six goals and provided two assists in his first full season in MLS.

#20 JOSEPH GREENSPAN
Position: Defender
Hometown: Westfield, New Jersey
Height: 6 foot 6
Weight: 209 pounds
Birth date: September 12, 1992
Citizenship: USA
Acquired: Drafted in the second round (#26 pick overall) of the 2015 MLS SuperDraft.
Rapids’ Last Match (10/30/16 @ LA): DNP, not in the 18.
Last MLS Goal: N/A
Last MLS Assist: N/A
2016: Made season debut 10/8 @ HOU.

Quick Stats:
- Began the 2016 season in San Diego with the U.S. Navy aboard a destroyer.
- Rejoined the Rapids on July 4, and given an assignment in Denver by the Navy.
- On July 7, he was sent on loan to neighbors Colorado Springs Switchbacks of the USL, where he made four appearances.
- Sent on loan to USL affiliate Charlotte Independence at the end of August.
- Made his 2016 debut for the Rapids in the last minute of the 3-2 win at Houston Dynamo (10/8), when pushed on as a target forward.
#94 MARLON HAIRSTON
Position: Midfielder/Defender
Hometown: Jackson, Mississippi
Height: 6 feet
Weight: 157 pounds
Birth date: March 23, 1994
Citizenship: USA
Acquired: Selected with the 12th pick (first round) of the 2014 MLS SuperDraft. Member of Generation adidas.
Rapids’ Last Match (10/30/16 @ LA): came on for Doyle in the 70th; registered one shot.
Last MLS Goal: 08/06/16 vs. VAN
Last MLS Assist: 10/23/16 vs. HOU
2016: has three goals and six assists; MLS Team of the Week (Week 22)

Quick Stats:
- Against Sporting KC on July 16, he scored a gorgeous curling goal in a 1-0 win. It was only his second-ever MLS goal, and his first since August 20, 2014.
- That was the start of five games, in which Hairston scored three goals and tallied two assists.
- He bagged an assist in each of his last three appearances of the regular season, including on the only goal of a 1-0 home win over Portland Timbers, which confirmed the Rapids’ place in the playoffs.
- Hairston ended the regular season with more starts, more minutes, more goals and more assists than in any of his first two seasons in the league.
- His six assists for the season were a team high.

#1 TIM HOWARD
Position: Goalkeeper
Hometown: North Brunswick, New Jersey
Height: 6 feet 3
Weight: 193 pounds
Birth date: March 6, 1979
Citizenship: USA
Acquired: Signed as DP on March 20 from Everton FC.
Rapids’ Last Match (10/30/16 @ LA): played 90th; registered three saves.
Last MLS Win: 10/13/16 vs. SJ
Last MLS Shutout: 10/01/16 vs. POR
2016: 5-4-8 record as a starter; MLS Team of the Week (Weeks 25, 27, 28); made 100th appearance in MLS on 10/13 vs. SJ

Quick Stats:
- Howard made his Rapids’ debut and MLS return on July 4 in a 0-0 draw with defending champions Portland Timbers at Dick’s Sporting Goods Park.
- Made his 100th MLS appearance on October 13, in the 2-1 home win vs. San Jose Earthquakes.
- Faced seven of the Rapids’ eight penalty kicks. He was beaten on four occasions, but twice made saves to deny the taker, including a miraculous effort to keep out the spot kick from Javier Morales at Real Salt Lake on August 26.
- Howard’s 2016 stats placed him fourth on the club’s all-time list for goalkeeper minutes, with 2,639; fourth in shutouts, with six; fourth in saves, with 76; and first in Saves Percentage (0.888) and Saves Percentage (73.6). The Rapids were 6-3-8 when Howard played.

#13 JERMAINE JONES
Position: Midfielder
Hometown: Los Angeles, CA
Height: 6 foot
Weight: 170 pounds
Birth date: November 3, 1981
Citizenship: USA & Germany
Acquired: Signed on March 4, 2016 from NE Revolution in exchange for general allocation money and a 2017 first-round pick.
Rapids’ Last Match (10/30/16 @ LA): came on for Powers at HT; registered two shots.
Last MLS Goal: 04/23/16 vs. SEA
Last MLS Assist: 04/30/16 @ MTL
2016: MLS Team of the Week (Week 7, 10). Named to 2016 AT&T MLS All-Star Game.

Quick Stats:
- In his debut, Jones scored the opening goal of a 2-1 home win over the New York Red Bulls. He also registered an assist for Dominique Badji’s winning goal.
- In his first four starts, Jones scored three goals and tallied two assists.
- He missed three games due to international duty at the Copa America Centenario, before returning for the July 4 contest at home to Portland Timbers.
- An injury sustained in the game with the Timbers kept Jones sidelined until the last 23 minutes of the last regular season game of 2016 (10/23).
- When Jones started, the Rapids were 5-0-3.

#7 SÉBASTIEN LE TOUX
Position: Forward/Midfielder
Hometown: Rennes, France
Height: 6 foot
Weight: 155 pounds
Birth date: January 10, 1984
Citizenship: France
Acquired: Joined via a trade with Philadelphia Union on August 3, 2016 in exchange for general allocation money.
Rapids’ Last Match (10/30/16 @ LA): DNP, but in the 18.
Last MLS Goal: 10/01/16 vs. POR
Last MLS Assist: 06/25/16 vs. VAN (for PHI)
2016: Appeared in 21 games for the Union with two goals and five assists.

Quick Stats:
- He scored twice and assisted five times in 13 starts (20 games) for the Union.
- His last game for Philadelphia Union came on July 31, as a substitute in the 2-1 home loss to Real Salt Lake.
- The Frenchman made his move to Colorado three days later, and came off the bench on August 6 in a 2-0 home win over Vancouver Whitecaps FC for his Rapids debut.
- Le Toux’s first start for the Rapids came in the 0-0 home tie with Orlando City SC on August 20.
- That was the first of eight starts over the remaining 11 games, during which time he scored his first goal for his new club.
- His only goal for the Rapids in 2016 came in the 1-0 home win over Portland Timbers (10/1).
Quick Stats:
- His minutes were then limited with the arrival of Tim Howard, though he did make one further regular season appearance, in the 2-0 loss at New England Revolution (9’3).
- Finished the season with a franchise-best 0.76 Goals Against Average, improving on the previous record of 1.07 set by Joe Cannon in the 2004 season.
- The Rapids went 9-3-5 with MacMath in goal. This record puts MacMath second all-time on the Rapids’ list of goalkeepers with regards winning percentage, at 0.676, which sits behind Marcus Hahnemann (0.769) from the 1999 season (when ties were not allowed).
- Kept six shutouts from just 17 games. His best season came in 2013, when he managed 12 shutouts from 34 games.

Quick Stats:
- Pappa made a habit of producing his best from the bench in 2016, highlighted by the game-winning goals scored against LA Galaxy and Chicago Fire.
- His 95th minute winner against the Galaxy gifted the Rapids their first win of the season in their home opener on March 12.
- Having come in as a sub in the first two games of the season, Pappa then started the next five games, during which spell he tallied three assists.
- The Guatemala international managed to start just two of the last 15 games.

Quick Stats:
- After being sent off for the first time in his MLS career, he did not return to the starting lineup until August 6 and the 2-0 home win over Vancouver, in which he tallied his only assist of the regular season.
- From that game on August 6, Miller started and played the 90 minutes of the remaining 13 games.
- He made his 50th appearance in MLS on September 17 and the 0-0 tie at home to San Jose Earthquakes.
- Miller ended the regular season with his longest unbroken run of games (13). His previous high was seven, achieved during the 2014 season when at Montreal Impact.
- Made more appearances, starts and played more minutes than in either of his previous seasons in MLS, going over 20 starts and 2,000 minutes for the first time in his career.

Quick Stats:
- Pfeffer did not feature in MLS in 2016, though he did make 16 appearances for USL affiliate Charlotte Independence.
- He was in the Rapids’ 18 for the 0-0 home tie with San Jose Earthquakes on September 17, and the 3-3 tie at Vancouver Whitecaps FC on September 24.
- In 2015, Pfeffer featured in 21 of the Union’s 34 regular season games, starting 11, for 988 minutes - all career-high numbers.
- Scored two goals last season, and played 1,994 minutes.
- Pfeffer was the fourth youngest player ever to sign a MLS contract, behind Freddy Adu, Fued Ibrahim, and Diego Fagundez.
For the first time in his Rapids and MLS career, midfielder Powers failed to play at least 30 games. He fell just one short, though he played more than 2,000 minutes for a fourth successive season. That said, during 2016, Powers made his 100th appearance and then his 100th start in MLS. He also broke into the top 10 of appearances for the club. Powers was used in numerous midfield roles during the regular season, including in a holding role in front of the back four. The only goal of the 2016 regular season came in the 1-1 tie at D.C. United on March 20. He went 11 games without a goal or an assist, before tallying two assists in the 3-2 win at Houston Dynamo (10/8).

Managed only nine appearances (three starts) in 2016 in the league, before his season was ended during a Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup game at FC Dallas on June 29. He sustained a torn ACL and torn lateral meniscus in his right knee. Although six of his nine appearances were as a sub, it was from the bench that Serna bagged his only goal of 2016; the game-winner in a hard-fought 1-0 home victory over Sporting Kansas City on May 11.

Sjöberg enjoyed a breakout season, in which he was mentioned as a possible All-Star, playing the most games of any of the defenders, in a back line which was the meanest in all of MLS. He again started every game he played, doubling in all key areas from his rookie season (starts, appearances and minutes). The second season in MLS also brought Sjöberg his first goals, and both were crucial. The first was at Seattle Sounders FC on May 21, as the Rapids claimed all three points with a 1-0 win. The second was a game-tying goal deep into stoppage time at the end of a 2-2 draw at Vancouver Whitecaps FC (7/9).

He missed just three games. Two were due to hamstring tightness (4/13 & 4/16), and the other was to rest him in a busy end to the regular season (10/16).
Jared Watts
Position: Defender  
Hometown: Statesville, North Carolina  
Height: 6 feet 1  
Weight: 165 pounds  
Birth date: February 3, 1992  
Citizenship: USA  
Acquired: selected with the 33rd overall pick (2nd round) of 2014 MLS SuperDraft.  
Rapids’ Last Match (10/30/16 @ LA): played 90’ at center back.  
Last MLS Goal: 07/11/15 vs. RSL  
Last MLS Assist: 07/18/15 @ SEA  

Quick Stats:  
- Granted opportunities in 2016 due to injuries, Watts grabbed them with both hands and established himself within the tightest defense in MLS with career-high numbers.  
- He made more appearances, more starts and played more minutes than either of his previous two seasons in the league.  
- Watts started the first three games of the season, but sat out the next eight.  
- The two injuries to Bobby Burling afforded Watts two lengthy spells in the side. With Watts starting, the Rapids were 6-3-9.  
- He made his 50th appearance in MLS during the 2016 season, achieved in the 1-0 loss at Portland Timbers on October 16.

Mekeil Williams
Position: Defender  
Hometown: Gonzales, Trinidad & Tobago  
Height: 6 feet 1  
Weight: 180 pounds  
Birth date: July 24, 1990  
Citizenship: Trinidad and Tobago  
Acquired: Signed as a Discovery Signing from Antigua GFC (GUA) on 02/04/16.  
Rapids’ Last Match (10/30/16 @ LA): DNP, but in the 18.  
Last MLS Goal: N/A  
Last MLS Assist: 04/30/16 @ MTL  

Quick Stats:  
- Williams played in every position along the back line, and seemed to be a lucky charm for the Rapids in the first half of the season. The team were 8-0-7 from his first 15 starts, and 9-0-7 from his first 16 appearances.  
- His first assist in MLS, in the 2-1 home win over New York Red Bulls on April 16, was the first of three in consecutive games. He finished the season with four assists.  
- The game at Providence Park (10/16) was his first start since the 5-1 loss at New York City on July 30. It would be his last start of the regular season. He had made three substitute appearances since the game at Yankee Stadium, for just seven minutes of playing time.  
- Missed games due to international duty with Trinidad & Tobago.