



2016 Schedule and Results

7-4-1/2-0-0 MAC

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
Aug. 26	No. 7 GEORGETOWN (1)	W, 1-0
Aug. 28	No. 9 SEATTLE (1) !	W, 1-0
Sept. 2	at No. 23 San Diego State	L, 0-1
Sept. 5	at No. 9 UCLA	L, 1-6
Sept. 9	OREGON STATE (2)	W, 2-0
Sept. 12	No. 5 UC SANTA BARBARA (2)	W, 2-0
Sept. 16	at Tulsa	W, 2-1
Sept. 19	at SMU	L, 3-4 (OT)
Sept. 27	VCU !	T, 0-0 (2OT)
Oct. 7	BUFFALO *	W, 4-0
Oct. 11	at Michigan State	L, 1-2
Oct. 15	at Northern Illinois *	W, 7-0
Oct. 18	at Penn State *	7:04 p.m.
Oct. 22	WEST VIRGINIA *	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 26	at Ohio State	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 29	at Bowling Green *	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 2	GRAND CANYON	4:00 p.m.
Nov. 5	WESTERN MICHIGAN * !	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 11	MAC Tournament Semifinals	
Nov. 13	MAC Tournament Championship	
Dec. 9	NCAA College Cup Semifinals	
Dec. 11	NCAA College Cup Championship	

Home games in BOLD CAPS

* denotes Mid-American Conference match
! radio broadcast on WARF 1350AM
(1) denotes Akron Classic
(2) denotes University of Akron Tournament

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ZIPS SQUARE OFF AGAINST PENN STATE



No. 18 Akron (7-4-1)
at Penn State (6-6-1)
Tuesday, Oct. 18
Jeffrey Field (5,000)



University Park, Pa. • 7:04 p.m. ET

Live Stats:
Television:

www.gopsusports.com
Big Ten Network/BTN2GO

WHAT'S AHEAD

For the second time this season, Akron will step away from Mid-American Conference action to square off against a squad from the Big Ten Conference as the Zips travel to University Park, Pa., to battle Penn State on Tuesday, Oct. 18. Game time is set for 7:04 p.m. with Chris Doran and Dan Kelly calling the action for the Big Ten Network.

SCOUTING PENN STATE

Penn State (6-6-1) enters action this Tuesday, Oct. 18, having won two straight following the Nittany Lions' 1-0 double-overtime victory past Michigan State on Saturday, Oct. 15. Senior Connor Maloney has directed Penn State this season owning team-high marks in goals (4), assists (3), points (11), shots (40), shots on goal (17) and game-winners (2). Sophomore Dayonn Harris, senior Mason Kierks and junior Aymar Sique have also contributed three, two and two goals, respectively, for the Nittany Lions. The goalkeeping tandem of redshirt junior Evan Finney and freshman Arle Ammann have nearly split the minutes in net for Penn State this season as the duo has registered 26 and 23 saves, respectively, en route to combining for a 1.17 goals against average.

As a team, the Nittany Lions are ranked 73rd in the NCAA in save percentage (.761) and 74th in saves per contest (4.08).

	PSU	AKRON
Overall Record	6-6-1	7-4-1
Conference Record	3-3-0	2-0-0
Goals	15	24
Goals-Shot Attempts	15-147	24-185
Goals Per Game	1.15	2.00
Assists	8	24
Shots	147	185
Shots On Goal	72	81
Shot Percentage	.102	.130
Shots On Goal Percentage	.490	.438
Shots Per Game	11.3	15.4
Corner Kicks	51	75
Opponent Corner Kicks	75	38
Penalty Kicks	2-5	3-4
Opponent Penalty Kicks	3-4	3-3

SERIES HISTORY

Tuesday evening's game is the 37th meeting between Akron and Penn State. The Zips own a 17-14-5 series advantage. A year ago, then seventh-rated Akron registered a 1-0 home triumph past Penn State on Sept. 30, 2015.

IN OUR LAST MEETING

No. 7 Akron def. Penn State, 1-0 (Sept. 30, 2015)

AKRON, Ohio - A successful 77th minute (76:18) penalty kick from Adam Najem (Clifton, N.J.) coupled with a clean sheet from goalkeeper Jake Fenlason lifted No. 7 Akron to a 1-0 men's soccer triumph past Penn State at FirstEnergy Stadium - Cub Cadet Field.

The Zips dominated the pace of play in the affair as Akron registered a 24-6 advantage in shots, including 5-3 on goal.

The outcome of the game turned when the Nittany Lions were whistled for a pivotal handball call in the box at the 76:18 mark. The Zips rewarded their captain with the opportunity to take the penalty kick and Najem delivered finding the back of the net.

Richie Laryea recorded a game-high six shots for the Zips, while **Sam Gainford** (Liverpool, England) added five shots. Coming off the bench to start the second half and post three shots was **Stuart Holthusen** (Auckland, New Zealand).



Akron Quick Facts

Location: Akron, Ohio 44325
 Population: 200,000
 (5th largest in Ohio)
 Founded: 1870 as Buchtel College
 Enrollment: 26,000
 Nickname: Zips
 Colors: Blue (282) & Gold (871)
 Conference: Mid-American
 (East Division)
 Interim President: Matthew J. Wilson
 Director of Athletics: Larry Williams
 Faculty Athletics Rep: Dr. Deborah Owens
 Athletics Dept. Phone: (330) 972-7080
 Ticket Office Phone: ... 1-888-99-AKRON (-25766)

Season of Soccer: 62nd (1955)
 All-Time Record: 689-254-88
 All-Time MAC Record: 116-12-7
 MAC Tournament Titles: 12
 [1998, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009,
 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015]
 MAC Regular-Season Titles: 18
 NCAA Tournament Appearances: 30
 NCAA College Cup Appearances: 4 [1986, 2009, 2010,
 2015]
 NCAA Championship Appearances: .. 2 [2009, 2010]

Stadium: FirstEnergy Stadium - Cub Cadet Field
 Capacity: 5,000
 Field Dimensions: 120 x 77
 Surface: Natural Grass

AKRON IN THE NATIONAL POLLS

	NCAA RPI	NSCAA	TDS	CSN	SA
Preseason	NA 2	3	2	1	1
Week 1	NA 1	3	1	1	1
Week 2	NA 10	9	4	11	
Week 3	NA 16	12	16	9	
Week 4	NA 15	13	9	14	
Week 5	41	23	18	14	16
Week 6	44	23	RV	19	21
Week 7	44	23	RV	19	18
Week 8	36	--	NA	25	--

NSCAA - National Soccer Coaches Association of America; TDS - TopDrawerSoccer.com; CSN - College Soccer News; SA - Soccer America

Additionally, Najem, Victor Souto and Goncalo Soares (Lisbon, Portugal) each netted a pair of shots. Robby Sagel and Dani Marks directed Penn State's offensive efforts with two shots apiece.

Fenlason pulled in three saves for Akron, while his counterpart for Penn State, Matt Bersano matched Fenlason with three saves of his own.

AKRON VERSUS THE BIG TEN CONFERENCE

- The Zips are meeting a team from the Big Ten Conference for the second time this season and 180th time overall.
- Akron owns a 98-65-16 (.592) all-time record versus the current 14 members of the Big Ten Conference.
- A year ago, the Zips went 4-0-1 against the conference and have gone 16-2-3 against the league since 2012.
- This season, Akron dropped a 2-1 decision at Michigan State, Oct. 11.
- In all, Akron is 33-7-6 (.783) versus teams from the Big Ten since 2007. During that time, the Zips have out-scored the competition, 89-36.

THE COACHES

Penn State: Bob Warming is in his seventh season as head coach of the Penn State program, owning a 66-42-14 (.598) record. He is 449-222-78 (.652) in 37 years overall as a head coach.

Akron: In his fourth year on the Akron sidelines as head coach, and 10th season overall, is Jared Embick, who has a 55-17-7 mark (.741), including 102-38-17 (.704) overall, in his seventh year as a head coach.

AKRON HEAD COACH JARED EMBICK

Jared Embick, who had previously served as the Zips' associate head coach and recruiting coordinator, officially became the seventh head coach in the history of The University of Akron men's soccer program in December of 2012.

The 2016 campaign marks his fourth year leading the Zips having registered a 55-17-7 (.741) ledger after posting an 18-3-3 record a season ago.

During Embick's time at Akron, the Zips have posted the highest winning percentage in the nation with an overall record of 165-30-23 (.810), including a 50-2-2 (.944) mark in Mid-American Conference play, while securing eight conference tournament titles, nine trips to the NCAA Tournament and two appearances in an NCAA final.

Recording their 15th consecutive double-digit victory campaign, the Zips finished the 2015 season ranked No. 3 nationally with an 18-3-3 ledger, including 4-0-1 mark in the Mid-American Conference. Akron's efforts were rewarded as the Zips earned the MAC's regular season and tournament crowns en route to collecting a No. 4 national seed and a berth in the NCAA Tournament for the 30th time in program history.

The Zips became one of just five Division I programs to qualify for the NCAA Tournament in each of the past nine seasons with their 30th overall selection.

Akron was led by the play of Adam Najem and Richie Laryea, who garnered second- and third-team National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) All-America accolades, respectively, en route to directing the Zips to rank second in the NCAA in points (159), goals (56), and scoring offense (2.33), third in points per game (6.63) and shots per contest (17.54), fourth in assists (47), seventh in winning percentage (.813) and 10th in shots on goal per game (7.13).

The Zips also found success in the classroom as Akron boasted a team 3.1955 grade-point average, while Najem was tabbed a first-team NSCAA Academic All-American.

Led by Sam Gainford, Stuart Holthusen, Laryea, Najem, Brad Ruhaak and Andrew Souders, who were selected as first-team All-MAC men's soccer selections, eight Akron student-athletes garnered All-MAC accolades a year ago. Additionally, Jake Fenlason and Sean Sepe were recognized as second-team selections.

The Zips came into the campaign maintaining a No. 25 preseason ranking by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) as well as being tabbed preseason No. 24 by College Soccer News.

After opening the season splitting a pair of matches at VCU and Old Dominion, Akron rolled off three consecutive victories over ranked opponents registering a 1-0 triumph at No. 4 Georgetown before notching a 3-2 road win at No. 6 Maryland and then opening its home campaign downing No. 14 Saint Louis, 3-2.

In a rematch of its 2014 NCAA Tournament showdown, the Zips battled Ohio State to a 3-3 double-overtime draw before No. 8 Wake Forest bettered Akron, 2-1.

The Zips then began a run of seven straight wins with a 2-0 triumph at No. 25 UC Santa Barbara. Akron followed with victories past Penn State (1-0), UAB (2-1 in OT), Santa Clara (2-0), Buffalo (2-1), Northern Illinois (4-0) and Michigan State (4-1) before earning a 1-1 double-overtime draw at Western Michigan.

Akron closed out the month of October recording a 2-0 win at West Virginia before dropping a 4-2 decision against No. 25 UCLA to open the month of November.

The Zips registered a 4-0 victory over Bowling Green to earn the right to host the MAC Championship at FirstEnergy Stadium - Cub Cadet Field after claiming the schools 18th regular season league title.



2016 MAC Standings

	AS OF OCT. 17	
	MAC	Overall
Akron	2-0-0	7-4-1
Bowling Green	1-0-1	8-3-2
Buffalo	1-1-0	9-3-1
Western Michigan	0-0-2	8-4-3
Northern Illinois	0-1-1	1-7-4
West Virginia	0-2-0	6-5-1

Tuesday, Oct. 18

Akron at Penn State

Bowling Green at Kentucky

Northern Illinois at Loyola

Friday, Oct. 21

Western Michigan at Buffalo *

Saturday, Oct. 22

Bowling Green at Northern Illinois *

West Virginia at Akron *

* Mid-American Conference Match

Akron captured the MAC Tournament crown with a 1-0 victory past Buffalo before opening NCAA Tournament play downing No. 25 Rutgers, 6-1, in the tournament's second round.

The Zips continued tournament besting No. 11 SMU, 2-1, before earning a 3-2 overtime victory over No. 3 Creighton in the Elite Eight to advance to the College Cup where Akron battled eventual national champion Stanford to a 1-1 double-overtime draw, before the Cardinal advanced on penalty kicks, 8-7 in 10 rounds.

In January, 2016, Laryea became the 11th Zip to have his name called during the first round of the MLS SuperDraft with his selection seventh overall in the MLS SuperDraft by Orlando City.

A 2000 graduate of Indiana Wesleyan, Embick was named an All-American by the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) in 1998 and 1999 as a player. He was also an NAIA honorable mention All-America honoree in 1999 and was twice named to the All-Mid-Central Conference squad.

GAINFORD SPARKS ZIPS TO 7-0 VICTORY AT NORTHERN ILLINOIS

Propelled by four first-half goals, Akron cruised to a 7-0 Mid-American Conference victory past Northern Illinois on Saturday, Oct. 15.

The Zips bettered the Huskies in the affair in shots, 18-7, including 9-3 on goal. **Sam Gainford** directed Akron's offensive attack with a game-high four shots, while redshirt junior **Robby Dambrot** (Akron, Ohio), junior **Niko De Vera** (Camas, Wash.), freshman **Jonathan Lewis** (Plantation, Fla.) and **Adam Najem** added two shots apiece. Adam Lightner and Christian Molina collected two shots each for Northern Illinois.

Sophomore goalkeeper **Ben Lundt** (Berlin, Germany) and redshirt freshman keeper **Nick Costa** (North Royalton, Ohio), in his collegiate debut, combined to earn Akron's seventh shutout of the season. Lundt played the first 79 minutes in the tilt and made one save before yielding to Costa, who closed out the affair with one stop over the final 11 minutes. Drew Donnally pulled in two saves for the Huskies.

Gainford scored what proved to be the game-winning tally in the fourth minute (3:16) beating Donnally for his first goal of the season. Delivering the assist off a cross was redshirt freshman **Skye Harter** (Copley, Ohio).

Gainford again found the back of the net at the 27:12 mark, courtesy of an assist from **Stuart Holthusen**, to extend the Zips' lead to 2-0. The tally enabled Gainford to record his third career multi-goal performance of his career and first since scoring twice in a 3-2 win past Saint Louis on Sept. 11, 2015.

Redshirt junior **Manuel Cordeiro** (Porto, Portugal) notched his initial collegiate score for the Zips in the 31st minute (30:26) to push Akron's advantage to 3-0. Cordeiro headed the ball in off assists from Dambrot and Gainford.

After many close scoring opportunities up this point in his career, Dambrot was rewarded for his tenacity capitalizing on his first career goal at the 42:42 mark to send the Zips into the intermission leading 4-0.

Senior **Brad Ruhaak** (Akron, Ohio) netted his third goal of the season in the 49th minute (48:43) off an assist from redshirt junior **Pau Belana** (Barcelona, Catalonia) to extend the Zips' margin to 5-0.

2016 AKRON MEN'S SOCCER ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Wt.	Hometown/High School/Last School
1	Ben Lundt	GK	6-7	So.	223	Berlin, Germany (Wald-Oberschule/Lenoir-Rhyne)
2	Jackson Crawford	MF	5-9	Fr.	158	Massillon, Ohio (Jackson)
3	Nick Hinds	D	5-9	Fr.	156	Plantation, Fla. (Roosevelt)
4	Niko De Vera	D	5-5	Jr.	143	Camas, Wash. (Camas)
5	Daniilo Radjen	D	6-2	Sr. (R)	163	Broadview Heights, Ohio (Brecksville-Broadview Hts./Cleveland St.)
6	Jesus Perez	MF	5-9	Fr.	140	Waukegan, Ill. (Waukegan)
7	Sam Gainford	F	6-1	Jr. (R)	162	Liverpool, England (Liverpool Academy)
9	Stuart Holthusen	F	6-1	Jr.	139	Auckland, New Zealand (Wanderers SC)
10	Adam Najem	MF	5-8	Sr.	157	Clifton, N.J. (Paramus Catholic)
11	Jonathan Lewis	F	5-7	Fr.	150	Plantation, Fla. (South Plantation)
12	Reggie Laryea	D/MF	5-11	Fr.	151	Toronto, Ontario (Dante Alighieri Academy)
13	Pau Belana	MF	5-11	Jr. (R)	162	Barcelona, Catalonia (Turbulu/Universitat de Barcelona)
14	Marcel Zajac	F/MF	5-10	Fr.	157	Mississauga, Ontario (Our Lady of Mount Carmel)
15	Ezana Kahsay	F	6-2	So. (R)	175	Asmeras, Eritrea (International Preparatory School at Grover)
16	Shane Wiedt	D	6-3	So. (R)	178	Akron, Ohio (Archbishop Hoban)
17	Anthony Macchione	F	6-4	Jr.	178	Camas, Wash. (Camas)
18	Nate Shultz	F	6-0	Jr.	170	Mayfield, Ohio (Mayfield)
19	Tyler Sanda	MF	6-0	Jr. (R)	185	North Royalton, Ohio (St. Ignatius)
20	Brad Ruhaak	D	6-0	Sr. (R)	171	Akron, Ohio (Copley)
21	Skye Harter	MF	6-0	Fr. (R)	153	Copley, Ohio (Copley)
22	Robby Dambrot	MF/D	6-2	Jr. (R)	170	Akron, Ohio (St. Vincent-St. Mary)
23	Barth-Luther Mouafo	D	5-11	Jr. (R)	195	Douala, Cameroon (Montverde Academy (Fla.)/Gardner-Webb)
24	Jeremy Pollard	GK	6-3	Fr.	195	Sydney, Australia (Freshwater Senior)
25	Goncalo Soares	MF	5-11	Sr. (R)	168	Lisbon, Portugal (Colégio Maristas de Carcavelos)
26	Manuel Cordeiro	MF	5-8	Jr. (R)	157	Porto, Portugal (Garcia de Orta)
27	Alex Mapp	MF	5-10	Fr.	167	Medina, Ohio (Highland)
28	Nick Costa	GK	6-0	Fr. (R)	215	North Royalton, Ohio (North Royalton)
29	Dener Dos Santos	MF	5-8	Jr. (R)	154	Joinville, Brazil (Dulles (Texas)/UCF)
30	Tor Saunders	GK	6-4	Fr.	220	Bothell, Wash. (Glacier Peak)
31	Joe Korb	MF	5-10	Jr. (R)	158	Willowick, Ohio (Lake Catholic/Mercyhurst)

Head Coach: Jared Embick
Goalkeepers Coach: Ger Coppingner

Assistant Coaches: Leo Chappel and T.J. Kolba



2016 Honors

Nick Hinds, D

- Named by *TopDrawerSoccer.com* to its men's soccer preseason Division I Best XI freshman-team squad
- Tabbed by *TopDrawerSoccer.com* to its men's soccer Midseason Men's Freshman Top-100 list (No. 5)

Sam Gainford, F

- Selected as the Mid-American Conference Athlete of the Week (Oct. 17)

Ezana Kahsay, F

- Named by *College Soccer News* to its National Team of the Week (Sept. 19)
- Selected as the Mid-American Conference Athlete of the Week (Sept. 19)

Jonathan Lewis, F

- Tabbed by *TopDrawerSoccer.com* to its men's soccer Midseason Men's Freshman Top-100 list (No. 10)

Ben Lundt, GK

- Named NSCAA National Player of the Week (Aug. 30)
- Selected as the Mid-American Conference Athlete of the Week (Aug. 29)
- Chosen as the Akron Student-Athlete of the Week (Aug. 29)
- Named by *TopDrawerSoccer.com* to its National Team of the Week (Aug. 29)
- Selected as the NCAA Soccer.com National Player of the Week (Aug. 31)

Adam Najem, MF

- Named to 2016 MAC Hermann Trophy Watch List
- Named by *TopDrawerSoccer.com* to its men's soccer preseason Division I Best XI first-team squad
- Named first-team 2015 preseason All-American by *College Soccer News*
- Named to *TopDrawerSoccer.com* Men's National Top 100 team (No. 2) for preseason

Brad Ruhaak, D

- Named by *College Soccer News* to its National Team of the Week (Aug. 29, Oct. 10)
- Named by *TopDrawerSoccer.com* to its National Team of the Week (Oct. 11)
- Senior Class award semifinalist
- Member of 2016 Akron Homecoming Court

Marcel Zajac, MF

- Tabbed by *TopDrawerSoccer.com* to its men's soccer Midseason Men's Freshman Top-100 list (No. 44)

Team

- Preseason selection to win the 2016 MAC regular-season and tournament championships by the league coaches

A pair of first-ever collegiate goals from De Vera and freshman **Reggie Laryea** (Toronto, Ontario) at the 56:20 and 77:03 marks, respectively, capped the scoring for the Zips.

De Vera's tally was unassisted, while junior **Nate Shultz** (Mayfield, Ohio) and Harter earned assists on Laryea's goal.

MICHIGAN STATE EDGES AKRON, 2-1

A pair of goals in each half propelled 14th-rated Michigan State to a 2-1 men's soccer victory over No. 17 Akron on Oct. 11.

The Zips bettered the Spartans in the affair in shots, 8-5, while each side recorded five shots on goal. **Stuart Holthusen** led Akron with a team-high two shots, while six other Zips posted one shot apiece. Michigan State garnered the decision in the top-25 showdown despite not having a single player record more than one.

Ben Lundt registered three saves for the Zips, while Jimmy Hague corralled four stops for the Spartans. The Spartans broke onto the scoreboard first after the Zips were whistled for a foul in the box in the 22nd minute (21:24) resulting in a penalty kick. Ryan Sierakowski delivered on the scoring opportunity recording his seventh tally of the season to give Michigan State a 1-0 lead.

The shot proved to be the only one of the initial stanza for the Spartans, who were outshot by Akron in the first half, 2-1.

The Spartans extended their lead to 2-0 at the 52:28 mark off the second goal of the year from Hunter Barone. The tally came off a successful corner kick delivered from Ryan Scott into Jimmy Fiscus, who found Barone for the goal.

Skye Harter cut Akron's deficit to 2-1 in the 71st minute (70:32) connecting on his third goal of the year off an assist from **Adam Najem**.

NAJEM AMONG THE NCAA'S ELITE

One of the most dynamic players in men's collegiate soccer, **Adam Najem** enters play this Tuesday, Oct. 18, versus Penn State as the only active men's soccer player in Division 1 to have scored more than 25 career goals and registered 25 or more career assists. He has amassed 33 goals and 27 assists in 79 career games. Najem is currently ranked second, third, third, fifth, sixth and ninth, respectively, among active career leaders in assists (27), games played (79), points (93), goals (33), assists per contest (0.34) and points per game (1.16). Across all divisions of men's soccer, Najem is rated 13th in assists and 15th in games played.

GAINFORD GARNERS MAC ATHLETE OF THE WEEK HONORS

Sam Gainford was selected by the Mid-American Conference as the MAC Men's Soccer Athlete of the Week, the league announced on Monday, Oct. 17.

The conference award is the first in Gainford's career and marks the third weekly conference accolade for a Zip in 2016.

Gainford registered team-high marks in goals (2), points (5), shots (5), shots on goal (2) and game-winners (1) en route to leading Akron to a 1-1 mark this past week.

Gainford sparked the Zips to a 7-0 road victory at Northern Illinois on Saturday, Oct. 15, collecting a pair of goals, while adding an assist.

Gainford scored what proved to be the game-winning tally in the fourth minute (3:16) beating goalkeeper Drew Donnally for his first goal of the season. He then again found the back of the net at the 27:12 mark to extend the Zips' lead to 2-0.

The tally enabled Gainford to record his third career multi-goal performance of his career and first since scoring twice in a 3-2 win past Saint Louis on Sept. 11, 2015.

Earlier in the week, he posted one of eight shots for the Zips in a 2-1 setback at No. 14 Michigan State on Tuesday, Oct. 11.

On the season, Gainford owns a pair of goals, while adding an assist on 23 shots, including seven on goal.

OWNING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

The recent successes of the Akron men's soccer program over the past 10 seasons (2007-present) can be attributed to its play in the month of October. Since the start of the 2007 campaign, the Zips own a 61-8-5 (.858) ledger in the month, including a 32-3-3 (.882) mark in matches at FirstEnergy Stadium - Cub Cadet Field.

LEWIS MAKING HIS MARK

Jonathan Lewis has provided a dynamic presence for the Zips on the offensive end this season as he enters play versus Penn State on Tuesday, Oct. 18, second nationally among NCAA Division I freshmen having recorded a team-leading six assists on the campaign. Only Nick King (Bucknell) has recorded more assists as a freshman this season nationally.

TOPDRAWERSOCCER.COM RECOGNIZES TRIO OF AKRON FRESHMEN

A trio of freshmen for the Zips this season in **Nick Hinds** (Plantation, Fla.), **Jonathan Lewis** and **Marcel Zajac** (Mississauga, Ontario) have been named by *TopDrawerSoccer.com* to its Midseason Men's Freshman Top-100 list. Hinds checks in at No. 5 nationally and is followed by Lewis at No. 10, while Zajac was tabbed at No. 44. Akron was one of two teams nationally to have a pair of freshman standouts chosen among the top 10 selections, joining North Carolina.



Hinds has appeared in 11 contests for the Zips as a rookie, including nine starts, helping anchor an Akron defensive unit that has posted seven shutouts. Offensively, he has added an assist on five shots.

Lewis has played in all 12 matches for the Zips this fall, including 10 starts, and has been a key offensive playmaker for Akron owning a team-high six assists. He has also contributed 16 shots, including eight on frame.

Having played in nine tilts, including five starts, Zajac has recorded a goal on 14 shots, including five on goal.

ZIPS TIDBITS

- The Zips' offensive eruption in a 7-0 win over Northern Illinois, Oct. 15, marked the most goals in a game for Akron since registering a 7-1 decision past Michigan on Oct. 29, 2010. The seven-goal winning margin also represented the largest scoring difference for the Zips in a triumph since downing Wright State, 8-0, on Oct. 15, 2008.
- Over the Zips' last five contests, **Adam Najem** has paced the Akron attack registering three goals, while **Sam Gainford** and **Brad Ruhaak** have recorded two goals apiece. As a team, the Zips are averaging 3.00 goals per game en route to a 2-2-1 ledger.
- Since 2007, Akron owns a league record of 50-2-2 (.944) mark in the Mid-American Conference. Furthermore, the Zips have won 10 consecutive MAC regular season championships and seven of the last eight MAC Tournament titles.
- The Zips will be looking to continue their domination of the MAC over the last decade as Akron owns a 14-0-1 mark in conference road games during the regular season since the start of the 2001 campaign. Additionally, the Zips continued their league road success at Northern Illinois, Oct. 15, as Akron has registered a 5-0 record in league road tilts following a setback since 2007.
- In the process of earning a 4-0 win over Buffalo on Oct. 7, Akron extended its run of not allowing a home goal in 2016 to 560 minutes. Dating back to the 2015 campaign, the Zips have not surrendered a home tally in nearly 580 minutes (577:38).
- Following its 4-0 win over Buffalo, Akron owns a 22-1-1 mark all-time in MAC openers.
- In all, Akron leads all league members with 18 regular-season and 12 tournament championships since joining the MAC in 1993, and has won both titles in the same season 11 times after doing so in 2015.
- In 23 seasons in the MAC, the Zips have produced 169 All-MAC honorees, including a conference-record nine first-team selections in 2010.
- The Zips have posted a winning record in the month of September in each of the last 14 seasons, including a 3-3-1 mark this season.
- The Zips registered the sixth clean sheet of the season on their home pitch with a 4-0 win past Buffalo on Oct. 7, to extend Akron's unbeaten streak at FirstEnergy Stadium - Cub Cadet Field to 12 straight dating back to the 2015 campaign.
- The Zips have proven a daunting task for visiting opponents over recent history as Akron has won nine or more home contests in every season since 2005, including earning 13 triumphs during the 2009 campaign. Through six games this season, the Zips own five home victories on the campaign.
- Akron's 2-0 triumph over No. 5 UC Santa Barbara, Sept. 12, marked the third win of the season for Akron over a ranked opponent through nine games this season.
- Akron's 2-1 victory over Tulsa on Sept. 16 represented the 100th career coaching win for Zips' head coach **Jared Embick**.
- The Zips have made the most of the initial and final 15 minutes of their games this season as Akron has recorded 10 of its 24 goals in this span. Three of the Zips' seven tallies in the final 15 minutes have been game-winners.
- Akron has seen eight newcomers, including five true freshmen, earn playing time through 12 games this season. Of that group, **Jonathan Lewis** and **Nick Hinds** have started nine and eight contests, respectively, and have combined to record seven of the Zips' 24 assists on the campaign.
- **Adam Najem** owns 190 career shots, the fifth-highest total in program history. He is 14 shots behind Michael Apple for fourth place.
- Freshman **Jonathan Lewis** and **Nick Hinds** registered the first points in their Zips' careers as the duo netted two and one assist, respectively, versus Oregon State on Sept. 9.
- Akron has garnered scoring contributions from 18 players this year, while 19 players have recorded a shot. Of those players, all but one have placed a shot on goal.
- In just his second career contest and first start, **Skye Harter** posted a pair of tallies in a 2-0 victory over Oregon State on Sept. 9. It marked the first multi-goal game for a Zip since **Stuart Holthusen** recorded a pair of goals in a 6-1 win over Rutgers in the 2015 NCAA Tournament on Nov. 22, 2015.
- Akron has found success at home this season as the Zips own a 5-0-1 mark and have posted shutouts in each of those contests. Akron is averaging 18.2 shots per tilt at home, while limiting the opposition to 11.2 shots a game.
- The Zips are 3-3 this season versus ranked opponents following wins over No. 7 Georgetown (Aug. 26, No. 9 Seattle (Aug. 28) and No. 5 UC Santa Barbara (Sept. 12).
- Akron owns a 31-3-3 record in its last 37 home matches.
- Since the start of the 2015 campaign, the Zips own a 10-6-1 mark against ranked opponents. In 2015, Akron registered seven victories over ranked opponents defeating No. 3 Creighton (3-2 on Dec. 5), No. 4 Georgetown (1-0 on Sept. 4), No. 6 Maryland (3-2 on Sept. 7), No. 11 SMU (2-1 on Nov. 29), No. 14 Saint Louis (3-2 on Sept. 11), No. 23 Rutgers (3-1 on Nov. 22) and No. 25 UC Santa Barbara (2-0 on Sept. 25).

2016 MAC Superlatives (As of Oct. 17)

TEAM (All Matches)	
1st in goals per game	2.00
1st in points per game	6.00
1st in shutouts	0.58
2nd in assists per game	2.00
2nd in shots per game	15.42
3rd in corners per game	6.25
4th in saves per game	3.25
5th in goals allowed	1.17
5th in goals against average	1.14

INDIVIDUAL (All Matches)	
Skye Harter	
4th in points per game	1.00
5th in assists per game	0.33
6th in goals per game	0.33
7th in game-winning goals	0.11
Jonathan Lewis	
2nd in assists per game	0.50
Ben Lundt	
3rd in shutouts	0.50
4th in saves per game	3.00
5th in goals against average	1.15
5th in save percentage	.720
Sam Gainford	
4th in shots per game	2.56
7th in game-winning goals	0.11
Adam Najem	
3rd in goals per game	0.42
3rd in points per game	1.08
5th in shots per game	2.33
Brad Ruhaak	
2nd in game-winning goals	0.17
8th in goals per game	0.25
10th in points per game	0.67
Tyler Sanda	
7th in game-winning goals	0.11

TEAM (Conference-Only Matches)	
1st in assists per game	5.50
1st in goals against average	0.00
1st in goals allowed	0.00
1st in goals per game	5.50
1st in points per game	16.50
1st in shutouts	1.00
2nd in corners per game	5.50
2nd in shots per game	17.50
5th in saves per game	3.00

INDIVIDUAL (Conference-Only Matches)	
Pau Belena	
1st in assists per game	1.00
8th in points per game	1.00
Manuel Cordeiro	
1st in goals per game	1.00
2nd in points per game	2.00
Robby Dambrot	
3rd in assists per game	0.50
6th in goals per game	0.50
6th in points per game	1.50
Niko De Vera	
6th in goals per game	0.50
8th in points per game	1.00
Skye Harter	
1st in assists per game	1.00
8th in points per game	1.00
Jonathan Lewis	
3rd in assists per game	0.50
6th in shots per game	2.00
Ben Lundt	
1st in goals against average	0.00
1st in save percentage	1.000
1st in shutouts	0.50
6th in shots per game	2.00
Sam Gainford	
1st in game-winning goals	0.50
1st in goals per game	1.00
1st in points per game	2.50
2nd in shots per game	4.00
3rd in assists per game	0.50
Stuart Holthusen	
3rd in assists per game	0.50
Reggie Laryea	
1st in goals per game	1.00
2nd in points per game	2.00
Jonathan Lewis	
3rd in assists per game	0.50
Adam Najem	
3rd in assists per game	0.50
5th in shots per game	2.50
6th in goals per game	0.50
6th in points per game	1.50
Brad Ruhaak	
1st in game-winning goals	0.50
1st in goals per game	1.00
2nd in points per game	2.00
Tyler Sanda	
1st in goals per game	1.00
2nd in points per game	2.00
6th in shots per game	2.00
Nate Shultz	
3rd in assists per game	0.50
Goncalo Soares	
3rd in assists per game	0.50
Marcel Zajac	
6th in goals per game	0.50
8th in points per game	1.00



National Rankings

[Week Eight]

NCAA *	Rank	Top Drawer
Maryland	1	Maryland
Notre Dame	2	North Carolina
Clemson	3	Notre Dame
Louisville	4	Clemson
Denver	5	Denver
Creighton	6	Loyola-Chicago
Wake Forest	7	Wake Forest
North Carolina	8	Virginia
Indiana	9	Syracuse
Syracuse	10	Creighton
Butler	11	Charlotte
Florida Gulf Coast	12	Louisville
Loyola-Chicago	13	UMass Lowell
Charlotte	14	Indiana
Virginia Tech	15	Stanford
Stanford	16	Utah Valley
UCLA	17	Florida Gulf Coast
UMass Lowell	18	Washington
Michigan State	19	Kentucky
Kentucky	20	Albany
Virginia	21	South Carolina
Washington	22	UNC Wilmington
Akron	23	Boston College
Connecticut	24	Radford
San Diego State	25	UCLA

Soccer America *	Rank	Soccer News
Maryland	1	Maryland
Louisville	2	Notre Dame
Notre Dame	3	Denver
North Carolina	4	North Carolina
Clemson	5	Wake Forest
Wake Forest	6	Indiana
Indiana	7	Creighton
Denver	8	Clemson
Creighton	9	Loyola-Chicago
Virginia	10	Louisville
Syracuse	11	Syracuse
Loyola-Chicago	12	Florida Gulf Coast
Virginia Tech	13	Charlotte
Butler	14	Stanford
Boston College	15	Michigan State
UCLA	16	Virginia Tech
San Diego State	17	Butler
Akron	18	UMass Lowell
Stanford	19	Virginia
Florida Gulf Coast	20	Utah Valley
UNC Wilmington	21	UCLA
Washington	22	Kentucky
Michigan State	23	San Diego State
Kentucky	24	Washington
Charlotte	25	Akron

Also receiving votes (NCAA): UNC Wilmington, Utah Valley, Radford, Boston College, Colgate, South Carolina, New Mexico, West Virginia, Hofstra, Xavier, Pacific, Vermont, Rider.

ARV (TD): Butler, Connecticut, Virginia Tech, Dartmouth and Columbia.

ARV (CSN): Radford, Connecticut, Pacific, South Carolina, UNC Wilmington, Wisconsin, Air Force, Boston College, Hartwick, Xavier, Seattle and Columbia.

2016 Akron opponents in Bold

* Week Seven rankings

- The Zips are ranked 13th nationally in attendance in 2016 averaging 2,566 in six home games. A year ago, Akron rated seventh nationally in attendance in 2015 averaging 2,187 fans per contest.
- On the season, **Ben Lundt** owns six shutouts on the strength of 36 saves. His efforts helped the Zips extend their shutout streak dating back to last season to nearly 369 minutes (368.32) before the run was halted by a San Diego State penalty kick on Sept. 2 at the 60:55 mark.
- Akron's 1-0 victory over No. 9 Seattle represented the 50th career win for Zips' head coach **Jared Embick** at Akron.
- **Tyler Sanda** connected on his first-ever game-winning goal with his tally in the 88th minute (87:49) against No. 9 Seattle on Aug. 28.
- Najem is Akron's active career leader in goals (33), assists (27), points (92), shots (190) and shots on goal (90).
- **Ben Lundt, Adam Najem, Danilo Radjen** (Broadview Heights, Ohio) and Victor Souto were named all-tournament selections after leading the Zips to the title at the Akron Classic.
- By virtue of its back-to-back shutouts to open the 2016 campaign, Akron has now opened a season with consecutive shutouts for the sixth time in the last nine years.
- **Brad Ruhaak's** game-winning goal in a 1-0 win past Georgetown on Aug. 26, was the second of his career. He also netted game-winner in a 2-0 victory at West Virginia last season.
- **Ben Lundt** made the most of his Akron debut as he registered the shutout on the strength of two saves in a 2-0 win against No. 7 Georgetown on Aug. 26.
- **Adam Najem** has started in each of the last 70 games in which he has played in.
- The Zips have scored two or more goals in 25 of the squad's last 42 matches, including on six occasions this season.
- Akron advanced to the College Cup for the fourth time (1986, 2009, 2010 and 2015) in program history in 2015.
- Since Oct. 1, 2015, Akron owns a 19-5-3 record.
- **Najem** and **Brad Ruhaak** have been named as team captains for the 2016 campaign.
- In all, the Zips have produced 22 Academic All-American honors in its history, dating back to the 1998 season.
- Akron has long been associated with academic excellence. In addition to posting a team GPA's of better than 3.20 in 2015 and 3.37 in 2014, the Zips finished second in Division I in 2011-12 with a cumulative mark of 3.44. The remarkable feat follows years that saw the Zips post GPAs of 3.43 in 2010-11 and 3.33 in 2009-10.
- **Richie Laryea** became the 11th Zip to have his name called during the first round of the MLS SuperDraft with his selection seventh overall in the MLS SuperDraft by Orlando City SC in January.

A LEGACY OF SUCCESS

Since 2007, Akron men's soccer program has posted the highest winning percentage in the nation (.810) through games of Oct. 16, with an overall record of 165-30-23. The Zips are followed by Maryland, 154-39-30 (.758), Creighton, 139-38-26 (.749), North Carolina, 140-43-31 (.727) and Connecticut, 133-40-38 (.720). Akron has made nine straight appearances in the NCAA Tournament (2007-15), earning a first-round bye in seven seasons. The Zips have advanced to the NCAA's Round of 16 in seven of the last nine years. Since 1961, the Zips have advanced to the NCAA postseason 30 times, including each of the past nine seasons and 14 of the past 15.

PROTECTING OUR HOUSE

Since 2007, the Zips have recorded an 99-7-13 (.887) ledger in home matches at FirstEnergy Stadium - Cub Cadet Field. Akron owns four unbeaten campaigns during that span, including posting home marks of 12-0-1, 13-0-0, 12-0-1 and 10-0-2 during the 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2012 seasons, respectively.

RUHAAK NAMED SEMIFINALIST FOR SENIOR CLASS AWARD

Brad Ruhaak has been named a semifinalist for the 2016 Senior CLASS Award® in men's collegiate soccer. To be eligible for the award, a student-athlete must be classified as an NCAA Division I senior and have notable achievements in four areas of excellence: community, classroom, character and competition. A mechanical engineering major, Ruhaak maintains a 3.651 cumulative grade point average.

An acronym for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School®, the Senior CLASS Award focuses on the total student-athlete and encourages students to use their platform in athletics to make a positive impact as leaders in their communities.

Outside of academics and athletics, all candidates also have been consistently involved in community service on their campus or in their communities.

The men's candidate class will be narrowed to 10 finalists midway through the regular season, and those 10 names will be placed on the official ballot. Ballots will be distributed through a nationwide voting system to media, coaches and fans, who will select one male candidate and one female candidate who best exemplifies excellence in the four C's of community, classroom, character and competition.

The Senior CLASS Award winners will be announced during the 2016 NCAA Men's and Women's College Cup® championships in December.



RUHAAK GARNERS NATIONAL TEAM OF THE WEEK HONORS

Brad Ruhaak was named by *College Soccer News* to its National Men's Soccer Team of the Week on Monday, Oct. 10, as well as by *TopDrawerSoccer.com*'s National Men's Team of the Week on Oct. 11.

Ruhaak played a key role at both ends of the field to help spark the Zips to a 4-0 victory past Buffalo in the Mid-American Conference openers for both schools on Oct. 7, at FirstEnergy Stadium-Cub Cadet Field.

Ruhaak scored what proved to be the game-winning goal in the fifth minute (4:19) delivering a header within the six-yard box past Bulls' goalkeeper Joseph Kuta off a corner kick from **Pau Belana**.

Ruhaak led a defensive charge that allowed Akron to post its sixth shutout of the season and extend its run of not allowing a home goal in 2016 to 560 minutes.

KAHSAY EARNS NATIONAL AND LEAGUE ACCOLADES

Ezana Kahsay (Asmeras, Eritrea) was selected by the Mid-American Conference as the MAC Men's Soccer Athlete of the Week, the league announced on Sept. 19.

The conference award was the first in Kahsay's career and marks the second weekly conference accolade for a Zip in 2016. He was also named by *College Soccer News* to its National Team of the Week on Sept. 19.

Kahsay turned in a strong week helping the Zips extend their then winning streak to three straight on the strength of team-high marks in goals (2) and point (4), while registering four shots, all on frame.

In Akron's 2-0 triumph past No. 5 UC Santa Barbara on Sept. 12, Kahsay recorded his first goal of the season in the 83rd minute (82:42) to secure the Zips' victory. He finished the affair posting two shots.

Kahsay followed notching his first career game-winning goal at the 87:18 mark to provide the difference in a 2-1 triumph at Tulsa on Sept. 16. He finished the tilt with two shots, both on frame.

NAJEM NAMED TO MAC HERMANN TROPHY WATCH LIST

Adam Najem added another accolade to his growing resume with his selection to the 2016 Missouri Athletic Club's (MAC) Hermann Trophy Watch List.

Najem is one of 28 men tabbed for consideration for the MAC Hermann Trophy, which is the most prestigious individual award in college soccer presented annually to one male and one female athlete. The winners will be announced Jan. 6, 2017, at the trophy presentation banquet at the Missouri Athletic Club in St. Louis.

Near the end of the collegiate regular season, NCAA Division I coaches whose programs are current NSCAA College Services members will vote on their top choices and the lists will be narrowed down to the top 15 players.

College soccer fans will also have the opportunity to participate in the selection process, by voting for their favorite semifinalist in November at the MAC Hermann Trophy website, managed by LockerDome.

From that pool of 28, six finalists (three men, three women) will be chosen for the award. The winners will be announced in January.

LUNDT EARNS NATIONAL HONORS

Sophomore **Ben Lundt** garnered recognition for his early season play as the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) named him as their National Player of the Week on Aug. 30.

Lundt also earned recognition by the Mid-American Conference as its Men's Soccer Athlete of the Week on Aug. 29, as well as by *TopDrawerSoccer.com*, who named him to its National Team of the Week. On Aug. 31, he was selected by an online vote at the NCAA Soccer.com National Player of the Week.

EMBICK GARNERS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Akron head coach **Jared Embick** received high praise for his efforts leading the Zips as *TopDrawerSoccer.com* named him as one of the Top-10 coaches in the country.

TopDrawerSoccer.com described Akron as a machine with talented young players, and much of that goes down to Embick's aesthetic. Akron seeks to dominate possession, build from the back and create scoring opportunities that way. That, in turn, creates well-rounded pros.

ZIPS PAIR WITH TEAM IMPACT TO ADD MAVERICK WESTOVER TO 2016 ROSTER

The University of Akron men's soccer team and head coach **Jared Embick** announced the signing of Maverick Westover on Aug. 19. The 11-year-old Akron native, signed a national letter of intent to join the Zips' men's soccer squad this season.

Team IMPACT, an organization that connects children facing chronic or life threatening illnesses to college athletic teams in an effort to improve their quality of life, orchestrated Maverick's recruitment with the Akron men's soccer program.

Maverick deals with Common Variable Immune Deficiency (CVID), which makes him highly susceptible to infection, especially in his lungs, sinuses, and ears.

ZIPS PRIMED FOR BIG THINGS IN 2016

The Zips enter the 2016 campaign looking to build upon an 18-3-3 mark last season, including a 4-0-1 ledger in the Mid-American Conference, an return to the College Cup in search of winning the program's second national championship.

Akron is seeking to integrate 12 newcomers **Manuel Cordeiro**, **Jackson Crawford** (Massillon, Ohio), **Nick Hinds**, **Joe Korb** (Willowick, Ohio), **Reggie Laryea**, **Jonathan Lewis**, **Ben Lundt**, **Alex Mapp** (Medina, Ohio), **Jesus Perez** (Waukegan, Ill.), **Jeremy Pollard** (Sydney, Australia), **Tor Saunders** (Bothell, Wash.) and **Marcel Zajac** this season onto a roster that boasts seven returning starters from a year ago.

**2016 NCAA Superlatives
(As of Oct. 17)**

TEAM

All Matches

8th in shutout percentage	0.58
10th in points per game	6.00
11th in assists per game	2.00
15th in scoring offense	2.00
16th in shots per game	15.42
17th in shots on goal per game	6.75
21st in total assists	24
27th in total points	72
29th in total goals	24
60th in winning percentage625

INDIVIDUAL

All Matches

Jonathan Lewis

15th in assists per game	0.50
19th in total assists	6



AKRON TABBED TO CAPTURE MAC REGULAR AND POSTSEASON TITLES

Akron was tabbed to capture the Mid-American Conference regular and postseason titles in a preseason poll of six conference coaches. The Zips under fourth-year head coach **Jared Embick**, were picked to repeat as conference champions in the MAC Coaches Preseason poll with five first-place votes. Akron (29 points) was followed by Western Michigan (17 points), who also garnered a first-place tally. Rounding out the rest of the poll was 2015 MAC Tournament participants West Virginia (16 points) and Buffalo (15 points), along with Bowling Green (11 points) and Northern Illinois (two points). Also voted on by the coaches was the predicted 2016 MAC Tournament Champion where Akron was a unanimous selection to repeat as league tournament winner.

NAJEM, SOUTO AND HINDS RECOGNIZED TO TOPDRAWERSOCCER.COM

Three University of Akron men's soccer standouts were recognized as some of the game's best when *TopDrawerSoccer.com* unveiled its Men's Preseason Best XI squads. **Adam Najem** was honored as a first-team honoree in the midfield, while Victor Souto and freshman **Nick Hinds** were recognized as third- and freshman-team selections.

NAJEM AND SOUTO GARNER MEN'S NATIONAL TOP 100 HONORS

Adam Najem and Victor Souto were honored as members of the initial Men's National Top 100 list compiled by *TopDrawerSoccer.com*. Najem was tabbed as the No. 2 player in the country, while Souto came in at No. 32.

NAJEM AND LARYEA EARN 2015 ALL-AMERICA HONORS

University of Akron men's soccer standouts **Adam Najem** and Richie Laryea garnered All-America accolades when the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) unveiled its 2015 All-American teams on Dec. 11, 2015. Both Zips earned All-America status for the first time in their respective Akron careers as Najem and Laryea were tabbed as second- and third-team honorees. The NSCAA All-America citations were the 54th and 55th in the Zips' storied men's soccer history.

NAJEM SELECTED AS FIRST-TEAM ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN

Adam Najem was selected as a First-Team Scholar All-America award winner when the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) unveiled its 2015 Scholar All-American team last season. Najem became the sixth Zip to garner First-Team NSCAA Scholar All-America accolades and the first since Reinaldo Brenes in 2013. The NSCAA Scholar All-America citation was the ninth in the Zips' storied men's soccer history, while also marking the 22nd overall academic All-America honor in program history.

SANDA NAMED 2015 ELITE 90 WINNER

Tyler Sanda was named the recipient of the NCAA Elite 90 award for the 2015 NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championship. In its seventh year, the award recognizes the true essence of the student-athlete by honoring the individual who has reached the pinnacle of competition at the national championship level in his or her sport, while also achieving the highest academic standard among his or her peers. The Elite 90 is presented to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average participating at the finals site for each of the NCAA's 90 championships. Sanda appeared in 14 games for Akron this past fall and registered a pair of goals, while adding two assists. He maintains a 3.954 GPA majoring in biology.

KITCHEN AND YEDLIN ADDED TO USMNT ROSTER FOR PAIR OF FRIENDLIES

Perry Kitchen and **DeAndre Yedlin** were added to the USMNT roster for a pair of recent friendlies as the Americans defeated Cuba, 2-0, Oct. 7, before they battled New Zealand to a 1-1 draw on Tuesday, Oct. 11, at RFK Stadium in Washington, D.C. Beginning in November, the USMNT embarks on the last leg of the journey to qualify for its eighth-consecutive World Cup. The six-team, 10-game Final Round – also known as the Hex – will span 11 months and see three teams from CONCACAF automatically qualify for Russia 2018.

KITCHEN SELECTED AS TEAM CAPTAIN FOR HEARTS SQUAD

Former Akron standout **Perry Kitchen**, the U.S. men's national team midfielder, was named captain of Heart of Midlothian, whom he joined in March after five seasons with D.C. United. He has played in eight matches this season, including three in the UEFA Europa League qualifying rounds.

MLS TOP 24 UNDER 24

The annual *MLSsoccer.com's* "24 Under 24" list was released on Sept. 22 and former Zip **Wil Trapp** (Columbus Crew) made the list checking in at No. 7. Trapp, who was a two-time first-team All-MAC selection in 2011 and 2012 and a third-team NSCAA All-American in 2012, was previously tabbed as the fourth- and ninth-best prospect on the 24 under 24 list in 2015 and 2014, respectively.

NAGBE AND YEDLIN HELP LEAD USMNT IN WORLD CUP QUALIFYING

A pair of former Zips in **Darlington Nagbe** and **DeAndre Yedlin** helped lead the USMNT as the Americans in their advancement to the Final Round of World Cup Qualifying, a.k.a. 'The Hex.' Yedlin started and played all 90 minutes in the United States' 6-0 victory in the semifinal round past St. Vincent and the Grenadines on Sept. 2. The United States propelled itself to the top spot in Group C of Semifinal Round CONCACAF World Cup Qualifying, as well as a berth in the Final Round beginning in November with a 4-0 win over Trinidad & Tobago on Sept. 6, at Everbank Field in Jacksonville, Fla.

YEDLIN JOINS NEWCASTLE UNITED

Former Akron standout **DeAndre Yedlin** recently joined Newcastle United after transferring from Tottenham Hotspur and signing a five-year deal. A year ago, he joined Sunderland on loan for the Premier League season from Tottenham. A 40-cap international, Yedlin made his debut in February 2014 and had represented his country at the 2014 World Cup and 2016 Copa America

ZIPS LIVE RADIO SHOW

Every Thursday throughout the season from 7-8 p.m. ET, Akron head coaches can be heard on the weekly radio program Zips Live, presented by Lee Hyder and Associates. The show airs locally on 1350 AM (WARF) and originates from the Spaghetti Warehouse (510 S. Main Street). A free audio stream is available on www.SportsRadio1350.com.



WHAT IS A ZIP?

- One of the unique nicknames in collegiate athletics belongs to The University of Akron.
- Originally Zippers, athletic director Kenneth "Red" Cochrane officially shortened the nickname to the Zips in 1950. Twenty-five years earlier a campus-wide contest had been conducted to choose a nickname for the University's athletics teams.
- Suggestions submitted by students, faculty, and alumni included Golden Blue Devils, Tip Toppers, Rubbernecks, Hillbillies, Kangaroos, and Cheveliers.
- The winner, freshman Margaret Hamlin, received a prize of \$10 for Zippers, a \$6 pair of rubber overshoes and a brand name of the BF Goodrich Company.
- The evolution of Zippy, UA's mascot, began 40 years ago when the student council decided the University needed a mascot.
- "Zippy" the kangaroo was officially declared the school's mascot on May 1, 1953. The first known printed reference to the mascot as "Zippy" was a 1965 Zip football press brochure. The Buchtelite's first use of the name "Zippy" came Sept. 24, 1965, in an identification of a photo of the cheerleaders listing "Mascot - 'Zippy' - Charles Huettner."
- In 2007, Zippy was named the Capital One National Mascot of the Year.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Redshirt junior MF/D **Robby Dambrot** is the son of Zips' men's basketball coach Keith Dambrot.
- Eleven Zips have had their names called during the first round of the MLS SuperDraft, including a league record five selections in the first eight picks in 2011 following the Zips' national championship season.
- Akron broke a second MLS record that day as seven Akron players were chosen in the first two rounds, the most from a single team in draft history.
- Zippy is just one of five female-gendered college mascots in Division I athletics. Do you know the other four? (YoUDee, the Delaware Blue Hen; Mrs. Wuf of N.C. State; Lucy Lobo of New Mexico; and Wilma Wildcat of Arizona).

UP NEXT

The Zips welcome West Virginia to FirstEnergy Stadium - Cub Cadet Field for a 7:30 p.m. tilt on Saturday, Oct. 22.



ZIPS' SUPERLATIVES

ZIPS CAREER GAME-WINNING GOALS

Adam Najem (11)		
2013	at Buffalo (1-0) (107:54)	Oct. 18
	at Cleveland St. (2-1) (69:42)	Oct. 9
2014	at Northern Illinois (2-1) (82:01)	Nov. 1
	vs. Cleveland State (5-0) (5:40)	Oct. 28
	at Bowling Green (1-0) (15:54)	Oct. 11
	vs. UAB (1-0) (65:07)	Oct. 4
2015	at Georgetown (1-0) (62:54)	Sept. 4
	vs. Penn State (1-0) (76:18)	Sept. 30
	at UAB (2-1 OT) (98:18)	Oct. 3
	vs. Creighton (3-2 2OT) (101:55)	Dec. 5
2016	vs. UC Santa Barbara (2-0) (10:52)	Sept. 12

Stuart Holthusen (4)		
2014	vs. Michigan (3-0) (6:34)	Oct. 14
	vs. Tulsa (3-0) (12:28)	Sept. 20
2015	vs. Bowling Green (4-0) (11:53)	Nov. 7
	vs. West Virginia (3-2) (48:58)	Nov. 13

Sam Gainford (2)		
2015	vs. Saint Louis (3-2) (70:27)	Sept. 11
	at UC Santa Barbara (2-0) (34:29)	Sept. 25
2016	at Northern Illinois (7-0) (3:16)	Oct. 15

Brad Ruhaak (3)		
2015	at West Virginia (2-0) (3:00)	Oct. 28
2016	vs. Georgetown (1-0) (89:24)	Aug. 26
	vs. Buffalo (4-0) (4:19)	Oct. 7

Anthony Macchione (2)		
2014	vs. Bowling Green (2-1) (78:10)	Nov. 16
2015	at VCU (3-2, 2OT) (107:09)	Aug. 28

Skye Harter (1)		
2016	vs. Oregon State (2-0) (1:40)	Sept. 9

Ezana Kahsay (1)		
2016	at Tulsa (2-1) (87:18)	Sept. 16

Tyler Sanda (1)		
2016	vs. Seattle (1-0) (87:49)	Aug. 28

Nate Shultz (1)		
2014	vs. West Virginia (3-2) (51:29)	Oct. 17

ZIPS CAREER GAME-WINNING ASSISTS

Adam Najem (9)		
2013	vs. West Virginia (3-0) (44:42) (Stevenson)	Nov. 15
	at Western Michigan (2-1) (104:00) (Derschang)	Nov. 9
	vs. Northern Illinois (2-1) (75:58) (Derschang)	Oct. 26
	vs. San Diego St. (2-1) (104:07) (Stevenson)	Sept. 15
	vs. Ohio State (1-0) (6:12) (Portillos)	Sept. 24
2014	vs. Buffalo (4-0) (12:25) (Caso)	Nov. 8
2015	at VCU (3-2, 2OT) (107:09) (Macchione)	Aug. 28
	at West Virginia (2-0) (3:00) (Ruhaak)	Oct. 28
	vs. West Virginia (3-2) (48:58) (Holthusen)	Nov. 13
2016	vs. Seattle (1-0) (87:49) (Sanda)	Aug. 28

Stuart Holthusen (3)		
2014	at Ohio State (3-1) (34:26) (Sepe)	Sept. 24
2015	vs. Santa Clara (2-0) (39:04) (Laryea)	Oct. 6
	at West Virginia (2-0) (3:00) (Ruhaak)	Oct. 28

Brad Ruhaak (2)		
2016	vs. Oregon State (2-0) (1:40) (Harter)	Sept. 9
	at Tulsa (2-1) (87:18) (Kahsay)	Sept. 16

Pau Belana (1)		
2016	vs. Buffalo (4-0) (4:19) (Ruhaak)	Oct. 7

Robby Dambrot (1)		
2014	vs. West Virginia (3-2) (51:29) (Shultz)	Oct. 17

Sam Gainford (1)		
2015	vs. Bowling Green (4-0) (11:53) (Holthusen)	Nov. 7

Skye Harter (1)		
2016	at Northern Illinois (7-0) (3:16) (Gainford)	Oct. 15

Ezana Kahsay (1)		
2016	vs. Georgetown (1-0) (89:24) (Ruhaak)	Aug. 26

Jonathan Lewis (1)		
2016	vs. Oregon State (2-0) (1:40) (Harter)	Sept. 9

Tyler Sanda (1)		
2015	at UAB (2-1 OT) (98:18) (Najem)	Oct. 3

Nate Shultz (1)		
2015	at Georgetown (1-0) (62:54) (Najem)	Sept. 4

Goncalo Soares (1)		
2015	vs. Northern Illinois (4-0) (32:58) (Laryea)	Oct. 17

AKRON CAREER MULTIPLE-GOAL GAMES

Sam Gainford (2)		
2015	at VCU (3-2, 2OT) (54:48) (77:12)	Aug. 28
	vs. Saint Louis (3-2) (38:58) (70:27)	Sept. 11
2016	at Northern Illinois (7-0) (3:16) (27:12)	Oct. 15

Stuart Holthusen (3)		
2015	vs. Bowling Green (4-0) (11:53) (20:31)	Nov. 7
	vs. West Virginia (3-2) (48:58) (67:53)	Nov. 13
	vs. Rutgers (6-1) (12:28) (16:09)	Nov. 22

Adam Najem (3)		
2013	at Cleveland State (2-1) (19:10) (69:42)	Oct. 9
2014	vs. Cleveland State (5-0) (5:40) (17:08) (41:17)	Oct. 28
2016	at SMU (3-4, OT) (18:17) (19:19)	Sept. 19

Skye Harter (1)		
2016	vs. Oregon State (2-0) (1:40) (12:54)	Sept. 9

AKRON CAREER HATTRICKS

Adam Najem (1)		
2014	vs. Cleveland State (5-0) (5:40) (17:08) (41:17)	Oct. 28

THE LAST TIME

Akron scored...		
4 goals	W, 4-0 vs. Buffalo	Oct. 7, 2016
5 goals	W, 5-0 vs. Cleveland State	Oct. 28, 2014
6 goals	W, 6-1 vs. Rutgers	Nov. 22, 2015
7 goals	W, 7-0 at Northern Illinois	Oct. 15, 2015
8+ goals	W, 8-0 vs. Wright State	Oct. 15, 2008

Akron allowed...		
3 goals	T, 3-3 vs. Ohio State	Sept. 16, 2015
4 goals	L, 4-3 (OT) at SMU	Sept. 19, 2016
5 goals	L, 5-0 vs. UC Santa Barbara	Aug. 25, 2006
6 goals	L, 6-1 at UCLA	Sept. 5, 2016
7+ goals	L, 7-0 at Saint Louis	November 1970

Akron won by...		
4 goals	4-0 vs. Buffalo	Oct. 7, 2016
5 goals	6-1 vs. Rutgers	Nov. 22, 2015
6 goals	7-1 vs. Michigan	Oct. 19, 2010
7+ goals	7-0 at Northern Illinois	Oct. 15, 2015

Akron won in overtime...		
3-2 (2OT)	vs. Creighton	Dec. 5, 2015

Akron lost in overtime...		
4-3 (OT)	at SMU	Sept. 19, 2016

GOALS SCORED IN 15-MINUTE INTERVALS

Team	1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	OT	2OT	Total
Akron	4	2	2	1	3	5	0	0	17
Opp.	0	3	1	6	1	2	1	0	14

MISCELLANEOUS 2015

	Zips	Opponents
Quickest Goal:	Harter (1:40)	Seyi Adekoya (19:51)
	Oregon State (9:9)	UCLA (9:5)
Game-Winning Goals after 75':	Ruhaak (89:24)	Emil Cuiello (97:29)
	vs. Georgetown (8:26)	SMU (9:19)
Game-Tying Goals after 75':	NA	Ray Saari (84:29)
		Tulsa (97:16)
Own Goals:	NA	NA



ZIPS IN THE PROS



Perry Kitchen



Darlington Nagbe

AKRON, Ohio - Former University of Akron men's soccer standouts have found success this season as more than 20 former Zips are currently playing professional soccer both in the United States and abroad.

MLS**Saad Abdul-Salaam - Sporting KC**

Has appeared in 26 games for Sporting KC, including making 22 starts, and is ranked second on the squad with six assists...has started 10 of Sporting KC's last 11 contests, including playing all 90 minutes in eight of those affairs...Sporting KC is 1-1-3 in its last five matches...recorded an assist in a 2-2 draw versus Los Angeles (9/18)...registered one shot apiece in wins over Portland (7/31) and Seattle (7/24)...netted an assist in a 3-0 triumph past Seattle (7/24)...started and played all 90 minutes in a 2-2 draw against Central FC in the CONCACAF Champions League Group C play opener on Aug. 16 in Trinidad and Tobago...again played all 90 minutes in a 3-0 setback versus Vancouver Whitecaps in Vancouver, Canada, on Aug. 23 in CONCACAF Champions League group play...did not appear against Vancouver in third of four contests in CONCACAF Champions League group play...Sporting KC will close action in the CONCACAF Champions League group play hosting Central FC on Oct. 19.

Chad Barson - Columbus Crew

Made his 2016 debut for Columbus garnering one minute of reserve action in a 4-3 victory over Real Salt Lake (5/28)...started and played all 90 minutes in a 3-2 setback against Philadelphia (6/1)...came off the bench to play 40 minutes in a 3-2 loss versus Sporting KC (7/3)...provided four minutes of reserve duty in a 1-1 draw versus DC United (7/16) after starting and playing all 90 minutes in a 3-1 setback against New England (7/9).

Teal Bunbury - New England Revolution

Has started 19 of the 25 contests in which he has appeared for New England, owning a pair of goals and assists on 45 shots, including eight on goal...garnered eight minutes of reserve duty in New England's 3-1 win over Montreal (9/17), while also playing eight minutes off the bench and recording three shots in a 3-1 victory past New York City FC (9/10)...recorded a pair of shots in 60 minutes of action in a 1-0 loss versus New York Red Bulls (8/28)...posted at least one shot in 11 straight matches from July 2 - Aug. 28...had two shots in 35 minutes against San Jose (8/24) in a 0-0

draw...started and went all 90 minutes in a 4-0 setback versus Philadelphia en route to recording three shots...garnered three and two shots, respectively, in a 3-1 win over Columbus (7/9) and in a 1-0 loss to New York City FC (7/6)...helped New England reach the finals of the US Open Cup as the Revolution battled Philadelphia to a 1-1 draw in the quarterfinals (7/20) before advancing on penalty kicks, 4-2...he then started and played all 90 minutes en route to registering an 85th minute goal to lead New England 3-1 triumph past the Chicago Fire (8/9)...in the final of the US Open Cup, a 4-2 win by Dallas FC (9/13), he entered the contest in the 69th minute and tallied an assist on Juan Agudelo's 73rd-minute goal.

Evan Bush - Montreal Impact

Has started each of the 28 games he has appeared in for the Impact this season...owns a 1.54 goals against average and five shutouts...registered three saves en route to posting the shutout in a 1-0 win over Toronto (8/27)...made five stops to notch a clean sheet in a 1-0 triumph past Houston (8/6) and was named to the MLS Team of the Week (8/8)...has made at least three saves in eight of the last 12 contests he has started in for Montreal, including making five, four and four saves, respectively, against Portland (7/13), New England (9/17) and New York Red Bulls (8/13)...made two stops against both New England (7/2) and Sporting KC (6/25).

Scott Caldwell - New England Revolution

Has started 27 of 28 games for the Revolution this season and owns two assists...has started each of the last seven contests, including playing 90 minutes in three of those tilts...has contributed five shots to spark New England to a 3-1-1 mark in its last five matches, including three straight wins...recorded three shots in 88 minutes in a 3-1 triumph past New York City FC (9/10)...posted a shot in the Revolution's 2-0 win over Columbus (9/3)...added one shot apiece in a 0-0 draw against San Jose (8/24) and a 2-0 setback with Columbus (8/20)...helped New England reach the finals of the US Open Cup as the Revolution battled Philadelphia to a 1-1 draw in the quarterfinals (7/20) before advancing on penalty kicks, 4-2...he then started and played all 90 minutes en route to lead New England 3-1 triumph past the Chicago Fire (8/9)...in the final of the US Open Cup, a 4-2 win by Dallas FC (9/13), he started and played all 90 minutes.

Chris Korb - D.C. United

Suffered a season-ending ACL injury and has not appeared in a game for DC United this season.

Richie Laryea - Orlando City

Has not appeared in a game for Orlando City thus far this season in MLS play...was unused substitute in Orlando City's 2-1 setback versus Fort Lauderdale in the US Open Cup Round of 16...registered his first career goal with the Canadian U23 National team in 5-1 victory over Guinea (5/15)...Canada then edged Grenada, 3-0, on May 18 as part of their 10-day Caribbean Tour...has played in 23 contests for Orlando City B owning two assists on 21 shots, including nine on frame...recorded one shot against both Pittsburgh (9/3) and Richmond (8/27)...played 73 minutes and collected two shots to help lead Orlando City B to a 2-1 victory over Toronto FC II (8/6)...matched a season high with three shots in a 2-2 draw versus Wilmington Hammerheads FC (7/24)...recorded one shot in a 1-1 draw with Charlotte (7/2).

Darren Mattocks - Portland Timbers

Has appeared in 16 games for the Timbers this season, including nine starts, owning a goal and three assists on 14 shots, eight of which have fallen on frame...returned to lineup playing 45 minutes in a 3-1 setback against Seattle (8/28) after missing eight contests after sustaining a leg injury versus New York Red Bulls (7/10)...started and played all 90 minutes in a 2-1 victory over Philadelphia (9/17) as he recorded a pair of assists, while matching a season high with three shots...the multi-assist effort was the first of his MLS career...he assisted on Adi's game-winning goal in the 53rd minute against Philadelphia (9/17) and in the process was named to the MLS Team of the Week on Sept. 19...did not appear in Portland's 2-1 triumph over C.D. Dragon (8/3) in 4-2 setback in CONCACAF Champions League Group B opener versus Deportivo Saprissa (9/14) in San Jose, Costa Rica, in the second game of group action...Portland will close out group play traveling to C.D. Dragon (9/27) and hosting Deportivo Saprissa (10/19).

Darlington Nagbe - Portland Timbers

Has started in all 23 contests in which he has appeared for Portland during the 2016 campaign, playing all 90 minutes in all but one of those games and owns a goal and five assists on 33 shots, including eight on goal...has helped Portland to wins in three of its last four contests, registering a shot in a 2-1 triumph over



Philadelphia (9/17) and garnering four shots to lead the Timbers to a 1-0 win past Real Salt Lake (9/10)...assisted on Jack Jewsbury's 87th-minute goal in a 3-0 decision over Sporting KC (8/7)...garnered an assist on Zarek Valentin's 41st-minute goal in a 2-1 setback against the LA Galaxy (7/23)...recorded at least one shot in six straight games from July 4-July 31...registered two shots in a 1-0 loss at Sporting KC (7/31), and a pair in a 3-1 win over Seattle (7/17) and a 0-0 draw with New York Red Bulls (7/10)...part of USMNT final round of World Cup Qualifying, a.k.a. 'The Hex.' in September as the Americans bested St. Vincent and the Grenadines (6-0) on Sept. 2 before posting a 4-0 win over Trinidad & Tobago on Sept. 6...came off the bench recording three shots in Portland's 2-1 victory past C.D. Dragon in the CONCACAF Champions League Group B opener (8/3)...didn't play in Portland's 4-2 setback versus Deportivo Saprissa (9/14) in San Jose, Costa Rica, in the second game of CONCACAF Champions League group play...Portland will close out group play traveling to C.D. Dragon (9/27) and hosting Deportivo Saprissa (10/19).

Kofi Sarkodie - San Jose Earthquakes

Acquired in a sign-and-trade deal by San Jose from Houston on April 1...has started each of the 10 games in which he has appeared for the Earthquakes and has registered a pair of shots...Sarkodie played 81, 90, 90 and 90 minutes, respectively, in draws against LA Galaxy (6/25), Orlando City (6/18), Dallas (5/28) and Los Angeles (5/22)...started and played 90 minutes in a 2-0 setback versus Portland (6/14) in the fourth round of the US Open Cup...made his San Jose debut starting and going all 90 minutes in a 3-1 setback at Portland (4/16).

Dillon Serna - Colorado Rapids

Is out for the remainder of the season after undergoing knee surgery in July...appeared in nine contests for Colorado, including three starts and registered a goal on five shots.

Wil Trapp - Columbus Crew

Has started all 25 of the games he has appeared in for the Crew this season, playing all 90 minutes in all but one of those contests...owns eight shots and one assist on the campaign...named to the 2016 MLS 24 under 24 list on Sept. 21, checking in at No. 7...has not appeared in the last three contests for Columbus after suffering a concussion in the Crew's 2-0 victory past San Jose (8/27)...tallied an assist on Justin Meram's 49th-minute goal in a 3-2 victory over New York City FC (8/13)...recorded one shot in a 2-2 draw with Orlando (7/23) and a 1-1 tie versus DC United (7/16) en route to playing all 90 minutes in both contests...registered a pair of shots in a 3-1 setback at New England (7/9).

Zarek Valentin - Portland Timbers

Has appeared in 19 contests for Portland, starting all but one of those games...has recorded a goal and an assist on four shots, three of which have fallen on goal...has missed six of Portland's last seven contests after leaving the Timbers' 1-0 setback versus Sporting KC (7/31) due to injury...started and played all 90 minutes in a 3-1 loss against Dallas (9/3) and assisted on Diego Valeri's 87th-minute goal...started and added an assist on Fanendo Adi's 68th-minute goal in Portland's 4-2 setback versus Deportivo Saprissa (9/14) in San Jose, Costa Rica, in the second game of CONCACAF Champions League Group B play...didn't appear in Portland's 2-1 victory over C.D. Dragon (8/3) in the CONCACAF Champions League Group B opener...Portland will close out group play traveling to C.D. Dragon (9/27) and hosting Deportivo Saprissa (10/19)...registered a 41st-minute goal that was assisted by Darlington Nagbe in a 2-1 setback against Los Angeles (7/23).

Ben Zemanski - Portland Timbers

Has started 11 of the 16 games in which he has appeared in for Portland owning an assist on 12 shots...has garnered reserve playing minutes in three of the Timbers' last four games, all victories...started in Portland's 4-2 setback versus Deportivo Saprissa (9/14) in San Jose, Costa Rica, in the second game of CONCACAF Champions League Group B play...didn't appear in Portland's 2-1 victory over C.D. Dragon (8/3) in the CONCACAF Champions League Group B opener...Portland will close out group play traveling to C.D. Dragon (9/27) and hosting Deportivo Saprissa (10/19)...started and played 71 and 75 minutes, respectively, in a 1-0 setback at Sporting KC (7/31) and 2-1 loss against Los Angeles (7/23).

International**DeAndre Yedlin - Newcastle United**

Yedlin recently joined Newcastle United after transferring from Tottenham Hotspur and signing a five-year deal...made his Newcastle debut in a 2-0 victory past Brighton (8/27)...netted a goal in extra time to help Newcastle register a 2-0 win over Derby County (Sept. 10)...earned first starting assignment in a 2-0 decision versus Wolves (Sept. 20)...started and played all 90 minutes in the United States' 6-0 victory in the semifinal round past St. Vincent and the Grenadines on Sept. 2 as part of USMNT final round of World Cup Qualifying, a.k.a. 'The Hex'...he did not play in a 4-0 win over Trinidad & Tobago on Sept. 6.

Anthony Ampaipitakwong - Bangkok United

Has started all 25 games in which he has appeared in for Bangkok United.

Perry Kitchen - Hearts of Midlothian FC

Signed a contract with Hearts of Midlothian FC in March 2016...has appeared in five contests on the 2016-17 campaign, including three starts...recently tabbed as team captain...netted an assist on game-winning goal in first start with Hearts in 2-1 victory past Partick Thistle (8/27)...also earned starts in a 3-1 victory past Hamilton (9/10) and a 1-0 setback against St. Johnstone (9/17)...came off the bench in 2-1 triumph past FC Infonet (6/30) in Europa League...started in a 4-2 victory over FC Infonet (7/6) in the first round of the Europa League...did not see game action in a 2-0 loss by the United States versus Colombia (6/3) in the opener of the Copa América Centenario.

Reinaldo Brenes - Saprissa - Costa Rica

Currently injured with Saprissa.

NASL**David Meves - Puerto Rico FC**

Meves has started each of the 10 games in which he has appeared for Puerto Rico FC and has posted 24 saves...made his debut for Puerto Rico FC starting and playing all 90 minutes in a 1-1 draw with the Indy 11 (7/2) in the NASL fall season opener...recorded a season-best five saves in a 1-1 draw with Minnesota United FC (8/3)...made one stop en route to notching shutout in 1-0 win past Rayo OKC (7/23).

Michael Nanchoff - Tampa Bay Rowdies

Has started 14 of the 18 contests he has played in for Tampa Bay in 2016 and has registered 29 shots...matched a season-high four shots in a 3-0 win past Puerto Rico FC (7/16).

Zac Portillos - Tampa Bay Rowdies

Has started and played in five games for Tampa Bay in 2016 before suffering a season-ending achilles injury in the 83rd minute of a 2-0 win over Minnesota United FC (5/28).

Sinisa Ubiparipovic - Indy 11

Has started in six of the eight games he has played for Indy 11 in 2016 and owns an assist on a three shots...started and played 66 minutes and posted a shot in a 2-1 victory past Miami FC (9/17).

USL**Jake Fenlason - Orlando City B**

Has appeared in two games for Orlando City B...made his professional debut playing 15 minutes in a 3-1 setback versus FC Cincinnati (5/4).

Blair Gavin - Arizona United

Has started and played all 90 minutes in 22 of Arizona United's 27 games and has registered an assist on 14 shots...recorded a shot in a 3-1 setback at Vancouver Whitecaps FC 2 (8/21)...posted a season-best three shots in a 3-2 victory past Vancouver Whitecaps FC 2 (8/3)...contributed a pair of shots in a 2-1 loss to Tulsa (7/30)...started and played all 90 minutes and netted a shot in a 3-0 win over Real Monarchs SLC (7/22)...recorded one shot apiece in a 3-2 setback at Tulsa (7/1) and a 1-1 draw versus Sacramento Republic (6/25).

Aodhan Quinn - Louisville City FC

Has started and played all 90 minutes in 21 of Louisville City's first 27 games to lead his squad to a 17-4-8 ledger...has registered three goals, while adding a trio of assists on 27 shots, including eight on goal...notched an assist in a 2-0 victory over Richmond (9/10) as he played all 90 minutes...netted the game-winning goal in a 1-0 win past FC Montreal (9/3) and finished with two shots in the affair...named to USL Team of the Week on Sept. 6...contributed an assist on game-winning tally in a 1-0 decision against Bethlehem Steel FC (8/27)...matched a season-high four shots in a 1-1 draw versus Harrisburg City (8/10)...garnered an assist in a 2-1 win over Pittsburgh (8/5).

Eric Stevenson - FC Cincinnati

Has appeared in 25 contests in 2016 for FC Cincinnati and has helped the squad to a 15-6-8 ledger on the strength of three goals and trio of assists on 19 shots...FC Cincinnati owns a 3-0-1 mark in its last four games...garnered an assist on game-winning goal in a 1-0 triumph past Orlando City B (9/17)...collected an assist in 2-0 victory over Wilmington Hammerheads FC (9/11)...recorded at least one shot in 12 consecutive contests from June 4-Aug. 13.

2016 Akron Soccer
Akron Combined Team Statistics (as of Oct 15, 2016)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	7-4-1	5-0-1	2-4	0-0
CONFERENCE	2-0	1-0	1-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	5-4-1	4-0-1	1-4	0-0

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.	#	Player	gp	g	a	pts	sh	sh%	sog	sog%	gw	pk-att	
! Aug 26	#7 GEORGETOWN	w	1-0	3382	10	NAJEM, Adam	12	5	3	13	28	.179	13	.464	1	3-4
! Aug 28	#9 SEATTLE	w	1-0	2380	21	HARTER, Skye	9	3	3	9	9	.333	5	.556	1	0-0
Sep 02	at #23 San Diego State	L	0-1	2041	20	RUHAAK, Brad	12	3	2	8	13	.231	6	.462	2	0-0
Sep 05	at #9 UCLA	L	1-6	988	11	LEWIS, Jonathan	12	0	6	6	16	.000	8	.500	0	0-0
\$ Sep 09	OREGON STATE	w	2-0	2849	7	GAINFORD, Sam	9	2	1	5	23	.087	7	.304	1	0-0
\$ Sep 12	#5 UC SANTA BARBARA	w	2-0	2348	15	KAHSAY, Ezana	11	2	1	5	19	.105	7	.368	1	0-0
Sep 16	at Tulsa	w	2-1	626	19	SANDA, Tyler	9	2	1	5	9	.222	5	.556	1	0-0
Sep 19	at SMU	Lot	3-4	442	25	SOARES, Goncalo	11	1	1	3	6	.167	4	.667	0	0-0
Sep 27	VCU	To2	0-0	2290	22	DAMBROT, Robby	7	1	1	3	5	.200	3	.600	0	0-0
* Oct 07	BUFFALO	w	4-0	2145	14	ZAJAC, Marcel	9	1	0	2	14	.071	5	.357	0	0-0
Oct 11	at #14 Michigan State	L	1-2	896	26	CORDEIRO, Manuel	9	1	0	2	7	.143	5	.714	0	0-0
* Oct 15	at Northern Illinois	w	7-0	317	4	DE VERA, Niko	9	1	0	2	3	.333	2	.667	0	0-0
					16	WIEDT, Shane	7	1	0	2	1	1.000	1	1.000	0	0-0
					12	LARYEA, Reggie	4	1	0	2	1	1.000	1	1.000	0	0-0
					13	BELANA, Pau	12	0	2	2	11	.000	5	.455	0	0-0
					9	HOLTHUSEN, Stuart	4	0	1	1	9	.000	1	.111	0	0-0
					3	HINDS, Nick	11	0	1	1	5	.000	1	.200	0	0-0
					18	SHULTZ, Nate	12	0	1	1	3	.000	2	.667	0	0-0
					8	SOUTO, Victor	3	0	0	0	3	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
					28	COSTA, Nick	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
					6	PEREZ, Jesus	8	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
					5	RADJEN, Danilo	12	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
					1	LUNDT, Ben	12	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
						Total	12	24	24	72	185	.130	81	.438	7	3-4
						Opponents	12	14	11	39	123	.114	53	.431	4	3-3

* Mid-American Conference game
! Akron Classic (Akron, Ohio)
\$ University of Akron Tournament (Akron, Ohio)

TEAM STATISTICS	AKR	OPP
SHOT STATISTICS		
Goals-Shot attempts	24-185	14-123
Goals scored per game	2.00	1.17
Shot pct.	.130	.114
Shots on goal-Attempts	81-185	53-123
SOG pct.	.438	.431
Shots/Game	15.4	10.2
CORNER KICKS	75	38
PENALTY KICKS	3-4	3-3
PENALTIES		
Yellow cards	16	25
Red cards	3	2
ATTENDANCE		
Total	15394	5310
Dates/Avg Per Date	6/2566	6/885
Neutral Site #/Avg	0/0	

#	Goalie	GP	Min.	GA	GAAvg	Saves	Pct	W-L-T	Sho
28	COSTA, Nick	1	11:01	0	0.00	1	1.000	0-0-0	0/1
1	LUNDT, Ben	12	1096:28	14	1.15	36	.720	7-4-1	6/1
	Total	12	1107:29	14	1.14	39	.736	7-4-1	7
	Opponents	12	1107:29	24	1.95	57	.704	4-7-1	2

Goals by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Akron	12	12	0	0	24
Opponents	4	9	1	0	14

Shots by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Akron	83	98	1	3	185
Opponents	58	61	2	2	123

Saves by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Akron	18	20	1	0	39
Opponents	24	32	0	1	57

Corners by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Akron	34	39	2	0	75
Opponents	16	22	0	0	38

Fouls by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Akron	73	85	2	2	162
Opponents	65	68	2	0	135