



HARTFORD ATHLETIC GAME NOTES

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GAME INFORMATION

HARTFORD ATHLETIC 0-2-1 vs ORANGE COUNTY SC 0-1-2

2022: 10-18-6, (36 points) **2022:** 7-14-13, (34 points)

Saturday, April 1st, 2023 - 2:00 PM ET
Trinity Health Stadium, Hartford, Connecticut
Local TV: WCTX MyTV9
Streaming: ESPN+ or hartfordathletic.com/watch
Online Updates: @HFDathletic on Twitter
Live Stats: USL MatchCenter

INJURY REPORT:

OUT: ANDRE LEWIS (HEAD), KEMBO KIBATO (FOOT)

2023 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RESULT
March 11	@MONTEREY BAY FC	10:00 PM	L 5-3
March 18	@COLORADO SPRINGS	8:00 PM	T 1-1
March 25	BIRMINGHAM LEGION FC	2:00 PM	L 1-0
April 01	ORANGE COUNTY SC	2:00 PM	
April 04*	LANSLOWNE YONKERS FC	7:00 PM	
April 08	@CHARLESTON BATTERY	7:30 PM	
April 15	@OAKLAND ROOTS SC	10:00 PM	
April 29	@BIRMINGHAM LEGION FC	7:30 PM	
May 06	MEMPHIS 901 FC	7:00 PM	
May 13	PHOENIX RISING FC	9:30 PM	
May 20	LOUDOUN UNITED	7:00 PM	
May 26	SACRAMENTO REPUBLIC FC	7:30 PM	
June 03	LOUISVILLE CITY FC	7:00 PM	
June 10	@INDY ELEVEN	7:00 PM	
June 14	DETROIT CITY FC	7:00 PM	
June 17	CHARLESTON BATTERY	7:00 PM	
June 24	INDY ELEVEN	7:00 PM	
July 03	@LOUDOUN UNITED FC	7:15 PM	
July 08	SAN DIEGO LOYAL	7:00 PM	
July 15	@FC TULSA	9:00 PM	
July 22	@LAS VEGAS LIGHTS FC	10:30 PM	
July 29	@SAN ANTONIO FC	9:00 PM	
August 05	NEW MEXICO	7:00 PM	
August 12	@PITTSBURGH RIVERHOUNDS	7:00 PM	
August 19	MIAMI FC	7:00 PM	
August 23	PITTSBURGH RIVERHOUNDS	7:00 PM	
August 26	EL PASO LOCOMOTIVE FC	7:00 PM	
September 02	@TAMPA BAY ROWDIES	7:30 PM	
September 09	RIO GRANDE VALLEY FC TOROS	7:00 PM	
September 16	MEMPHIS 901 FC	8:00 PM	
September 23	@DETROIT CITY FC	7:00 PM	
September 27	TAMPA BAY ROWDIES	7:00 PM	
September 30	@MIAMI FC	7:00 PM	
October 7	@LOUISVILLE CITY	7:30 PM	
October 14	FC TULSA	7:00 PM	

*Lamar Hunt US Open Cup



HEAD COACH TAB RAMOS

On August 22, 2022, Tab Ramos was named the Head Coach of Hartford Athletic. An iconic name in American soccer, he has one of the most extensive resumes in all of U.S. soccer as both a coach and a player. He enters his first full season as Hartford's Head Coach after taking over for the final six games of the 2023 season.

Ramos, 55, spent eight years as the Head Coach of the U.S. U20 National Team from 2011 to 2019. In that span, he led the U20s to the FIFA U20 World Cup in 2013, 2015, 2017 and 2019 and made three consecutive quarterfinal appearances, a U.S. record. He wrote his name into international soccer history when he brought the U.S. to the 2019 FIFA U20 World Cup, participating in his record-tying 11th FIFA event as a player and head coach. He was named Assistant Coach to Jurgen Klinsmann for the 2014 FIFA World Cup campaign in Brazil, where



TECHNICAL DIRECTOR, INTERIM HEAD COACH RAY REID

On May 13th, 2022, Ray Reid was named Hartford Athletic's Technical Director. Reid, a four time National Soccer Coaches Association of America "National Coach of the Year" winner, will oversee all aspects of the first team including personnel decisions, selection of coaches and technical staff, player identification and scouting, as well as oversight of the Hartford Athletic academy. The 61-year-old Reid retired from coaching in December of 2021. Reid coached for 33 seasons, 25 of them with the Huskies, and amassed a career head coaching record of 457-149-78, which is the second-highest total in history among coaches at four-year institutions who have coached a minimum of five years in Division I. 312 of those wins came with the Huskies, as did eight regular season titles, four Big East Tournament championships, and a National Championship in 2000. He was inducted into the Connecticut Soccer Hall of Fame in 2003.



ASSISTANT COACH **OMID NAMAZI**

On Friday, September 2nd, Omid Namazi was announced as Tab Ramos's assistant and Director of Scouting. Namazi holds a wealth of soccer experience and knowledge, having coached under Tab Ramos with the U.S U20 National Team and serving as the U18 Head Coach from 2016-2018. Namazi also assisted Ramos with the Houston Dynamo in 2020 and 2021.



GOALKEEPER COACH **DAN GASPAR**

On September 29, 2022, Dan Gaspar was announced as Hartford Athletic's Goalkeeper Coach and Assistant Coach. Gaspar, a Glastonbury, Connecticut native, brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the club. Over the last 30 years, he has coached eight different national teams, three collegiate teams, and six other professional clubs. He made a seven-year run as Assistant Coach of the Iranian National Team from 2011-2018 where he worked with Hartford Assistant Coach Omid Namazi. The two of them assisted former Real Madrid Head Coach Carlos Queiroz. Over Gaspar's seven year stretch, he helped the team reach two FIFA World Cups, including a first place finish in their qualification group and third place finish in the group stage in 2018 behind Portugal and Spain. Gaspar also assisted Tab Ramos' U.S. U18 side to a Vaclav Jezek Youth Tournament title in the Czech Republic in 2018. Before joining the Iranian National Team Staff, Gaspar was on the technical staff of the Portuguese National Team during their World Cup run to the round of 16 in 2010.

LAST TIME OUT

Hartford Athletic are coming off a 1-0 loss against Birmingham Legion FC. The match started with high intensity play and many attacking chances for Hartford, but their efforts were just not enough to top Birmingham. The only goal of the match was in the 24th minute right outside of the 18 yard box, where Gabriel Alves was left alone and struck the ball perfectly into the back of the net. Hartford's final quality chance was in the 57th minute where Kembo Kibato delivered a perfectly weighted ball into the six yard box to Antoine Hoppenot, but the forward sent it high and wide. The Green and Blue denied Birmingham another goal for the remainder of the game, but created minimal chances in the second half.

CONSISTENT CHANCE CREATION

Hartford's offense attempted 14 shots last Saturday, their highest amount on the season so far, but didn't score any goals to show for it. Post game, Coach Ramos said, "We weren't consistent in chance creation... We had 14 shots, but it didn't feel like we created 14 shots. You feel more comfortable when you are creating these opportunities and they don't just come from individual play." Through three matches, the Green and Blue are averaging seven chances created and per game.

A HOLE IN THE MIDFIELD

Hartford have temporarily lost two massive pieces to their midfield due to injury: Andre Lewis and Kembo Kibato. Lewis was carted off the field after suffering a head injury at Monterey Bay two weeks ago, and Kibato left last week's game with a foot injury. The timetable on the return of both players is not certain, but both will be out for this Saturday's match. It's a heavy loss for Hartford, as both players are starters and key pieces to the team's connecting play in the midfield and chance creation in the final third.

LINEUP SHAKE-UPS

Through three matches, Hartford have yet to repeat the same starting lineup. Matt Sheldon and Jeciel Cedeño have both started and come off the bench, and Beverly Makangila made his debut as a starter last week. With the injuries to Kibato and Lewis, there will have to be a different starting lineup this week as well. In addition, the return of Hodge and Edwards will give Coach Ramos some more options as he decides how to fill in the gaps.

HODGE AND EDWARDS RETURN

Forward Kyle Edwards and defender Triston Hodge have returned from national team duty with their respective clubs in the CONCACAF Nations League. Edwards scored two goals on PKs for St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Triston Hodge appeared in two matches for Trinidad and Tobago. Edwards is a great finisher who can be a valuable piece as a starter or off the bench for Hartford, and Hodge started the first two games of the season for the Green and Blue on the left side of their back line.

GET AMMO FROM AMOH

Elvis Amoh has played Hartford's first three games to their entirety so far this season, and scored a goal at Colorado Springs two weeks ago. He's been active and aggressive around goal, taking six shots against Birmingham last week, but none of them found the back of the net. Amoh is a proven goalscorer in the USL championship and the striker that Hartford will look to all season to be their most consistent finisher. With the team in a bit of a scoring drought (just one goal in their last two matches), the Ghanaian striker can be the piece that helps them break through.

HOPPENOT IS DUE

Antoine Hoppenot has been a playmaker in his historically great career, sitting fifth overall on the all-time USL Championship leaderboard in assists (14). The veteran forward has yet to contribute to a goal for Hartford and came up short on a few chances to score last week, but Coach Ramos is encouraging about Hoppenot coming into quality form. "This has been his best practice week so far," said Ramos earlier this week. "The last couple days of practice have been his best of the year. I think he's getting into form."

PLAYING WITH A LEAD

Hartford have played with a lead for just 18 minutes of match time so far this season, forcing them to chase games from behind. They went down a goal just two minutes into the match against Monterey Bay, and conceded in the 23rd minute last week against Birmingham. "We're a top team in the league in expected goals, and we're a top team in terms of pressing and winning the ball back," said Coach Ramos. "Unfortunately, the most important stat is winning games, and we haven't done that yet." An early lead for Hartford at home this Saturday can put them in control for the first time this season.

BY THE NUMBERS

2023 HARTFORD ATHLETIC STATS

NO	NAME	POS	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	SH	Y	R
3	Kaveh Rad	DF	3	3	270	1	0	1	1	0
4	Tulu	DF	2	0	55	0	0	0	1	0
5	Triston Hodge	DF	2	2	180	0	0	1	0	0
6	Beverly Makangila	MF	1	1	79	0	0	0	0	0
7	Prince Saydee	FW	3	3	270	2	1	2	0	0
9	Elvis Amoh	FW	3	3	270	1	0	1	1	0
10	Danny Barrera	MF	2	0	27	0	1	1	0	0
11	Jeciel Cedeño	FW	3	2	151	0	0	2	0	0
14	Ashkanov Apollon	DF	1	1	65	0	0	0	0	0
16	Matt Sheldon	DF	2	2	149	0	0	0	0	0
17	Kyle Edwards	FW	1	0	16	0	0	0	0	0
19	Luke Merrill	DF	2	0	56	0	0	0	1	0
20	Jonathan Filipe	MF	2	0	26	0	0	0	0	0
21	Kembo Kibato	MF	3	3	200	0	0	1	2	0
22	Robin Lapert	DF	1	1	90	0	0	0	0	0
25	Joel Quist	FW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	Conor McGlynn	DF	1	0	24	0	0	0	1	0
29	Antoine Hoppenot	FW	2	2	154	0	0	0	0	0
40	Dren Dobruna	DF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
41	Ali Taleb	FW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
50	Niall Logue	DF	3	3	270	0	1	0	2	0
77	Andre Lewis	MF	2	2	179	0	1	1	0	0

NO	NAME	POS	GP	GS	MIN	GA	GAA	SOG	SV	CS
1	Richard Sánchez	GK	3	3	270	7	2.33	14	6	0
13	Joe Rice	GK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

2023 REGULAR SEASON STATS

GOALS

	1	2	TOTAL
Hartford Athletic	2	2	4
Opponent	5	2	7

SHOTS

	1	2	TOTAL
Hartford Athletic	11	15	26
Opponent	13	25	38

ASSISTS

	1	2	TOTAL
Hartford Athletic	2	2	4
Opponent	3	2	5

SOG

	1	2	TOTAL
Hartford Athletic	3	6	9
Opponent	5	6	11

FOULS CONCEDED

	1	2	TOTAL
Hartford Athletic	24	24	48
Opponent	27	18	45

OFFSIDES

	1	2	TOTAL
Hartford Athletic	5	1	6
Opponent	2	5	7

CAUTIONS

	1	2	TOTAL
Hartford Athletic	2	7	9
Opponent	2	2	4

EJECTIONS

	1	2	TOTAL
Hartford Athletic	0	0	0
Opponent	0	0	0

THE LAST TIME HARTFORD ATHLETIC...

Clean Sheet For Sep 17, 2022 3-0 vs. LV
Clean Sheet Against March 25, 2023, 1-0 vs.BHM
Brace For Ariel Martínez , Oct 1, 2022 vs CHS
Brace Against Tyler Freeman, LDN, Sept. 21, 2022
Hat Trick For Andre Lewis, Oct 1, 2022 vs CHS
Hat Trick Against Alex Dixon, MB, March 11, 2023
Penalty Kick For Oct 1, 2022, vs CHS (Made - A. Lewis)
Penalty Kick Against March 11, 2023 MB (Goal - Dixon)
Reduced to 10 Men March 19, 2022, at PIT (2-1 L)
Opponent Reduced to 10 Men Sep 5 2022, vs LA (3-1 W)
Own Goal For Kaveh Rad, at MB, March 11, 2023

Own Goal Against Noah Cobb, ATL, April 2nd, 2022
Won by 2 Goals September 5, 2022, 3-1 vs LA II
Won by 3 Goals October 1, 2022, 6-3 vs CHS
Won by 4+ Goals June 5, 2021, 7-0 vs NYRBII
Lost by 2 Goals March 11, 2023, 5-3 @ MB
Lost by 3 Goals Sept 21, 2022, 3-0 vs LDN
Lost by 4 Goals Sept. 28, 2019, 4-0 at CLT
Lost by 5 Goals Sept. 12, 2020, 5-0 at PIT
Earliest Goal For Harry Swartz, 15 seconds, June 1, 2019
Earliest Goal Against J. Castellano :18, @NYRBII, 8/31/22
Largest Margin of Victory 7-0, June 5, 2021 vs NYRBII

2023 HARTFORD ATHLETIC

2023 RECORD WHEN

At Home	0-1-0
On the Road	0-1-1
On Grass	0-0-0
On Artificial Turf	0-2-1
Wearing Green	0-1-0
Wearing Teal	0-1-1
Scoring First	0-0-1
Conceding First	0-2-0
Leading at Halftime	0-0-0
Tied at Halftime	0-0-1
Trailing at Halftime	0-1-0

W-L-D

ALL-TIME LEADERS

Goals

1. Danny Barrera, Juan Carlos Obregon Jr. (15)
2. Alex Dixon (11)
3. Ariel Martínez (8)

Assists

1. Danny Barrera (29)
2. Prince Saydee (8)
3. P. Etaka, G. Torres, R. Dally (5)

Saves

1. Jeff Caldwell (108)
2. Frederick Due (74)
3. Yannik Oetl (69)

USL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM OF THE WEEK

AS OF 03/16/23

HARTFORD ATHLETIC ROSTER

#	NAME	POS	HT	WT	HOMETOWN	NATIONALITY	DOB	LAST CLUB
1	Richard Sánchez	GK	6'3"	200	Mission Hills, CA	USA	04/05/94	LA Galaxy
3	Kaveh Rad	DF	6'1"	185	Durham, NC	USA	06/13/01	Sporting Kansas City
4	Tulu	DF	6'2"	165	Adelphi, MD	USA/Togo	06/13/2001	Sporting Club Ideal (POR)
5	Triston Hodge	DF	6'1"	161	Curepe, TT	Trinidad & Tobago	04/09/97	Colorado Springs
6	Beverly Makangila*	MF	5'11"	165	Kinshasha, DR Congo	DR Congo	04/11/00	Colorado Springs
7	Prince Saydee*	FW	5'11"	161	Monrovia, Liberia	Liberia	02/20/93	Phoenix Rising FC
9	Elvis Amoh	FW	6'2"	165	Accra, Ghana	Ghana	02/02/92	Colordao Springs
10	Danny Barrera	MF	5'7"	170	Thousand Oaks, CA	USA	01/08/90	Cal FC (UPSL)
11	Jeciel Cedeño	FW	5'7"	150	Guayaquil, Ecuador	USA/ECU	04/03/00	New York Red Bulls II
13	Joe Rice	GK	6'4"	190	Fairfax, VA	USA	03/06/96	Detroit City FC
14	Ashkanov Apollon	DF	6'0"	165	Boston, MA	USA/Haiti	04/03/91	San Diego 1904 FC (NISA)
16	Matt Sheldon	DF	6'0"	175	Portland, Oregon	USA	08/23/92	Charleston Battery
17	Kyle Edwards	FW	6'1"	185	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	St. Vincent	01/14/97	Memphis 901 FC
19	Luke Merrill	DF	5'9"	145	Layton, Utah	USA	05/03/00	Wesminster College
20	Jonathan Filipe	MF	5'7"	150	Danbury, CT	USA	01/10/99	New York Red Bulls II
21	Kembo Kibato*	MF	5'9"	155	Toronto, Canada	Canada	09/16/00	FC Tulsa
22	Robin Lapert	DF	6'1"	180	Le Havre, France	France	11/29/7	UConn
25	Joel Quist	FW	5'11"	180	Old Bridge, NJ	USA	02/22/99	Jackson Lions FC
28	Conor McGlynn	MF	6'4"	180	Middle Village, NY	USA	11/20/97	Sienna College (NCAA)
29	Antoine Hoppenot	FW	5'8"	165	Paris, France	USA	11/23/90	Detroit City FC
40	Dren Dobruna^	DF	5'9"	150	Waterbury, CT	USA	7/29/05	NYCFC
41	Ali Taleb^	FW	6'1"	173	Glastonbury, CT	USA	06/16/04	Oakwood Soccer Club
50	Niall Logue*	DF	6'3"	194	Derry, Ireland	Ireland	08/07/95	Memphis 901 FC
77	Andre Lewis*	MF	5'6"	145	Spanish Town, Jamaica	Jamaica	08/12/94	Colorado Switchbacks FC

* = international roster slot ^ = academy contract signing • = currently on loan

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Athletic Trainer: Mike Dias
 Team Administrator: Nate Cahoone
 Team Physicians: Jay Kimmel, Jeff Brown

Elvis Amoh
 ASH-kah-nov, ah-POLLEN
 Jeciel Cedeño
 jeh-SEE-el, ced-ain-ño
 Dren Dobruna
 Doh-BREW-nah
 Jonathan Filipe
 FILL-eep, (NOT Fell-eep-pay)
 Antoine Hoppenot
 an-TWON, oh-pen-oh
 Kembo Kibato
 Kih-BAH-TOE
 Robin Lapert
 LAP-ert
 Niall Logue
 NIGH-uhl LOHG
 Beverly Makangila
 MAH-kan-gil-ah
 Kaveh Rad
 Kah-VAY
 Prince Saydee
 SAY-dee
 Tulu
 TOO-loo



GK | RICHARD SANCHEZ

#1

LAST SEASON: - 0 GP / 0 GS - min | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC | 0 RC

LAST MATCH: - 1 GP / 1 GS - 90 min | GA 1 | SOG 4 | SV 2

Sánchez comes to Hartford after spending the 2022 season with MLS side LA Galaxy. Over a nine-year career, he's totaled 29 appearances and 2,491 minutes in the top tier of American soccer. His best season came in 2018 with the Chicago Fire, where he started 24 games, made 81 saves, and recorded three clean sheets. The Mission Hills, California native has had a well-traveled career around North America. Sánchez signed with FC Dallas after emerging from the club's academy system in 2011. He was sent on loan to the Fort Lauderdale Strikers during the 2013 NASL season, where he made 14 starts and recorded three clean sheets. After four seasons with Dallas (2011-14), the Mexican keeper moved to Tigres UANL in Liga MX, where he stayed for three seasons (2014-17), before signing with the Chicago Fire.



DF | KAVEH RAD

#3

LAST SEASON: - 0 GP / 0 GS - 0 min | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC | 0 RC

LAST MATCH: - 1 GP / 1 GS - 90 min | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC | 0 RC

The 21 year old comes to Hartford Athletic in the midst of a bright professional career. Rad signed a homegrown contract with Sporting Kansas City in April of 2021, and made his MLS debut on May 1st during a regular season match against Real Salt Lake at just 19 years old. The defenseman put together a notable performance in his second MLS start, completing 92.3% of his passes in a 3-1 win over the San Jose Earthquakes.



DF | TULU

#4

LAST SEASON: - 23 GP / 18 GS - 1,630 min | 2 G | 0 A | 10 SH | 4 YC | 0 RC

LAST MATCH: - GP / GS - min | G | A | SH | YC | RC

Tulu is returning for his third season with the club, following two quality campaigns in 2021 and 2022. The Togolese defenseman has made 52 appearances for the Green and Blue across two seasons, and has played just under 4,000 minutes for the club (3,939). After starting 27 games in 2021, Tulu saw limited minutes and started just four matches through the first 16 of 2022. He made his fifth start on July 6th at Detroit City FC and made the most of it, recording 10 clearances and blocking three shots. He went on to start all but two of Hartford's 17 remaining games, all a part of a monster second half of the season for the 25 year old. Tulu would finish the season second on the team in blocked shots (27), third on the team in clearances (88), and scored two goals.



DF | TRISTON HODGE

#5

LAST SEASON: - 26 GP / 21 GS - 1,889 min | 0 G | 1 A | 5 SH | 7 YC | 1 RC

LAST MATCH: - GP / GS - min | G | A | SH | YC | RC

Hodge comes to Hartford after spending the last two seasons with Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC. In 2022, he was a mainstay as a left back in the Colorado back line that totaled 10 clean sheets on the season and helped their club reach a Western Conference Final appearance. Across 26 appearances and 21 starts, Hodge made 41 clearances, 23 interceptions, and a team-leading 40 tackles won.

Hodge was acquired by Colorado in 2021 on permanent transfer from W Connection F.C., a six-time champion of the TT Pro League, the top league in Trinidad & Tobago. He made his USL Championship debut with Toronto II in 2016, and spent two seasons with Memphis 901 FC in 2019 and 2020. The 28 year old Trinidadian has five caps for the Trinidad & Tobago National Team, including his appearance in the Soca Warriors' 2-1 win over the United States in the World Cup qualifiers in 2017.



MF | BEVERLY MAKANGILA

#6

LAST SEASON: - 27 GP / 21 GS - 1,544 min | 0 G | 1 A | 2 SH | 8 YC | 0 RC

LAST MATCH: - 1 GP / 1 GS - 79 min | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC | 0 RC

Makangila made 27 appearances, logged 1,544 minutes, and recorded an assist throughout the 2022 campaign. He was acquired by Colorado Springs on permanent transfer from MFK Vyskov in the Czech Republic.

The Kinshasa, Congo native entered American soccer with San Diego Loyal on loan from MFK Vyskov in 2020, where he appeared in six USL Championship games for Landon Donovan's side. Prior to coming to the United States, Makangila played for FC Saint-Éloi Lupopo in Linafoot, the top soccer division in DR Congo.



FW | PRINCE SAYDEE

#7

LAST SEASON: - 32 GP / 25 GS - 2,120 min | 4 G | 8 A | 37 SH | 3 YC | 0 RC

LAST MATCH: - 1 GP / 1 GS - 90 min | 0 G | 0 A | 1 SH | 0 YC | 0 RC

Prince Saydee turned in the best season of his professional career with Hartford Athletic in 2022. After accumulating 12 starts in his first two USL Championship seasons, the Liberian forward started 25 matches for Hartford and tallied 2,120 minutes in 32 total appearances. Saydee was a key piece in generating offensive opportunities for the Green and Blue, using his blistering speed in the attacking third to find space for both himself and his teammates. He recorded a team-leading eight assists and contributed four goals with his powerful left foot, including a stunning strike from 18 yards out against FC Tulsa that will live in Hartford Athletic's all-time highlight reel.



FW | ELVIS AMOH

#9

LAST SEASON: - 36 GP / 30 GS - 2,559 min | 13 G | 3 A | 62 SH | 5 YC | 1 RC

LAST MATCH: - 1 GP / 1 GS - 90 min | 0 G | 0 A | 6 SH | 0 YC | 0 RC

Amoh, 30, comes to Hartford after an outstanding season with Colorado Springs in 2022. The Ghanaian forward was a dangerous weapon in Colorado Springs' dynamic attacking arsenal, which scored the fifth most goals in the USL Championship (64). Across 36 appearances and 30 starts, Amoh contributed 13 goals and three assists while helping Colorado Springs reach the Western Conference Final.

A proven goal scorer in the USL Championship, Amoh has found the back of the net 34 times over four seasons. He entered the league with Loudoun United in 2019, where he scored eight goals in two seasons before having a breakout year with Rio Grande Valley FC Toros in 2021. Amoh led RGV with 13 goals over 22 appearances, breaking their regular season franchise scoring record, and earned Player of the Week honors after recording a hat trick against Miami FC.



MF | DANNY BARRERA

#10

LAST SEASON: - 34 GP / 32 GS - 2,697 min | 2 G | 6 A | 21 SH | 7 YC | 0 RC

LAST MATCH: - 1 GP / 0 GS - 11 min | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC | 0 RC

Barrera is the club's all-time leader in nearly every statistical category including goals (15), assists (29), appearances (101), and minutes played (8,089). His best season for Hartford came in 2021 where he was named to the USL All-League First Team, the only player in club history to receive the honor. He scored eight goals and notched a league high twelve assists during the campaign. He is widely known among Hartford fans for the "Immaculate Deflection" in 2020 – a goal in which he scored via scorpion kick to win the game and help clinch the Group F title for Hartford Athletic.



FW | JECIEL CEDENO

#11

LAST SEASON: - 20 GP / 7 GS - 708 min | 3 G | 0 A | 15 SH | 2 YC | 0 RC

LAST MATCH: - 1 GP / 0 GS - 11 min | 0 G | 0 A | 2 SH | 0 YC | 0 RC

Cedeño returns for his third season with the club. Only Danny Barrera and Conor McGlynn have played more seasons in a Hartford Athletic uniform. He made the 2021 squad after being invited to Hartford's preseason and signed with the club after scoring three goals in limited minutes in the preseason. In his first two years with the club, the Ecuadorian forward has totaled 598 minutes across 26 appearances. Cedeño saw an uptick in playing time in the final stretch of the 2022 season. He made his first start of the season in a 3-1 win over LA Galaxy II on September 6th, and would see four more appearances after Head Coach Tab Ramos took over for the season's final six matches.



GK | JOE RICE

#13

LAST SEASON: - 5 GP / 5 GS - 450 min | 20 SV | CS 0 | 3 YC | 0 RC

LAST MATCH: - GP / GS - min | G | A | SH | YC | RC

Rice comes to Hartford Athletic after spending the majority of the 2022 season with Loudoun United FC and being loaned to Detroit City FC in September. Across five starts with Loudoun, the 26 year old made 20 saves and posted a 1.99 GAA. He won USL Championship Save of the Week honors in Week 11 for denying a breakaway chance from Golden Boot runner up Phillip Goodrum (Memphis 901 FC).



DF | ASH APOLLON

#14

LAST SEASON: - 23 GP / 9 GS - 1,026 min | 1 G | 1 A | 4 SH | 5 YC | 0 RC

LAST MATCH: - 1 GP / 1 GS - 65 min | G | A | 1 SH | YC | RC

Apollon is returning for his third season with Hartford after he was acquired on transfer from NISA club San Diego 1904 FC in September of 2021. In 2022, Apollon tallied a goal and an assist across 23 appearances and nine starts. The versatile defenseman spent time playing left back and left wing for the Green and Blue, using his speed and distribution ability to create chances for Hartford. Most notably, Apollon assisted fellow 2023 re-signee Andre Lewis with a brilliant cross from outside the box on one of Hartford's best goals of the year in a 2-0 victory over Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC.



DF | MATT SHELDON

#16

LAST SEASON: -29 GP / 27 GS - 2,325 min | 0 G | 2 A | 11 SH | 7 YC | 2 RC

LAST MATCH: - 1 GP / 1 GS - 90 min | 0 G | 0 A | 1 SH | 0 YC | 0 RC

Sheldon comes to Hartford after a season with Charleston Battery. The 30 year old made 27 starts and played 2,325 minutes during the 2022 campaign. A defender who frequently looks to distribute from outside areas, Sheldon led Charleston in crosses with 65 and recorded two assists. One of his helpers came against Hartford Athletic on July 16th, when he pin-pointed a pass across the box to an open Augustine Williams.

Over six USL Championship seasons with four different teams, Sheldon has made 123 total appearances and logged over 8,000 minutes. Prior to joining Charleston in 2022, he spent three seasons from 2019 to 2021 with FC Tulsa. He played a major role in their defense, swiping 48 interceptions, making 40 tackles, and winning 182 duels across 65 starts.



FW | KYLE EDWARDS

#17

LAST SEASON: - 12 GP / 12 GS - 819 min | 5 G | 2 A | 0 YC | 0 RC

LAST MATCH: - GP / GS - min | G | A | SH | YC | RC

Edwards comes to Hartford Athletic after spending the 2022 season with Houston Dynamo 2 of MLS Next Pro. He signed with the Dynamo on June 11th and put together a quality season in just five months. The striker scored five goals across 12 appearances, and recorded two assists while helping Houston to a third place finish and a playoff berth in the MLS Next Pro Western Conference.



DF | LUKE MERRILL

#19

LAST SEASON: 15 GP / 14 GS - 1,137 min | 7 G | 1 A | 39 SH | YC | 0 RC

LAST MATCH: - 1 GP / 0 GS - 25 min | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 1 YC | 0 RC

Merrill comes to Hartford after finishing his senior season at Westminster College (Salt Lake City, Utah) in October 2022. Over two seasons with the Griffins, Merrill played in 31 games, scored 10 goals, and recorded three assists. A native of Layton, Utah, Merrill began his collegiate career at Salt Lake Community College. He recorded seven assists across two seasons for the Bruins, and earned All-Region 18 Second Team honors in 2019.



MF | JONATHAN FILIPE

#20

LAST SEASON: 31 GP / 21 GS - 2,018min | 2 G | 1 A | 24 SH | 3 YC | 0 RC

LAST MATCH: - 1 GP / 0 GS - 25 min | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC | 0 RC

Filipe made his professional debut with New York Red Bulls II last season in the USL Championship. The 23 year old saw consistent playing time, making 21 starts in 31 appearances and totaled over 2,000 minutes. Filipe scored two goals in a thrilling match against Hartford Athletic at MSU Soccer Park on August 31, which ended in a 3-3 tie.

Filipe becomes the fourth player in five seasons to earn a contract from open tryouts, joining fellow midfielder Conor McGlynn. Filipe is one of four players who advanced from open tryouts with three other players, Duga Dambelly, Joel Quist, and Evan Southern, receiving invites to the club's invitational combine which took place on January 9th and 10th.



MF | KEMBO KIBATO

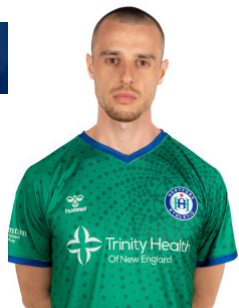
#21

LAST SEASON: - 28 GP / 18 GS - 1,646 min | 0 G | 0 A | 16 SH | 3 YC | 0 RC

LAST MATCH: - 1 GP / 1 GS - 65 min | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 1 YC | 0 RC

Kibato comes to Hartford Athletic after making 28 appearances for FC Tulsa in 2022. He signed with Tulsa after joining the club on loan from Rio Grande Valley FC Toros in 2021, a successful campaign in which he made 30 appearances and 16 starts. Kibato won the team's Newcomer of the Year award as he served as a box-to-box midfielder, and recorded two goals and an assist in his second full season as a professional while playing nearly 1,500 minutes.

A 22 year old native of Toronto, Canada, Kibato is a product of the Toronto FC Academy, but made his professional debut in 2020 with RGV in the USL Championship. He made 12 appearances for the Toros, including nine starts.



DF | ROBIN LAPERT

#22

LAST SEASON: - 3 GP / 0 GS - 74 min | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC | 0 RC

LAST MATCH: - 1 GP / 1 GS - 79 min | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC | 0 RC

Lapert joined Hartford on September 1, 2022. The University of Connecticut product made his debut for the club on September 17th as a substitute against Las Vegas Lights FC. He made three appearances in the season's final five matches, totaling seventy-four minutes, eight clearances, five interceptions and eight duels won.

Lapert transferred to UConn in 2018 after winning a Division II National Championship with the University of Charleston. The defenseman turned in a strong career as a Husky under current Hartford Athletic Technical Director Ray Reid, earning AAC All-Conference second team honors in 2018 and 2019. He was instrumental in UConn's five shutout victories his sophomore year and ranked third on the team in total points his junior year, all while starting every match across two seasons.



FW | JOEL QUIST

#25

LAST SEASON: - 10 GP / 10 GS - 479 min | 7 G | 2 A | SH | YC | 0 RC

LAST MATCH: - GP / GS - min | G | A | SH | YC | RC

Quist joins Jonathan Filipe as the second player from this year's open tryouts to sign a pro contract, and is the fifth player in five seasons to sign after attending open tryouts. The Old Bridge, New Jersey native comes to Hartford after spending two seasons with FA Euro New York of USL League Two, where he played seven games and 479 minutes. The Brooklyn-based club is the former home of Hartford's own Conor McGlynn, who also earned a contract with the club through open tryouts in 2020.

Collegiately, Quist played at Georgian Court University. Over a successful four year career, Quist made 66 appearances, scored 12 goals, and recorded eight assists.



MF | CONOR MCGLYNN

#28

LAST SEASON: - 29 GP / 21 GS - 1,928 min | 1 G | 1 A | 19 SH | 6 YC | 0 RC

LAST MATCH: - GP / GS - min | G | A | SH | YC | RC

McGlynn's 70 appearances are the second most in club history behind only Danny Barrera (101). Across three seasons, the midfielder has scored seven goals and recorded three assists while totaling over 4,000 minutes in Green and Blue. He has a collection of eye-popping goals from distance, proving to be a dangerous threat to score if given space in the attacking third. Five of his seven goals have come from outside the box, including an incredible boot from his own half against the New York Red Bulls II in 2021, one of his many goals that made Sportscenter's Top 10 Plays. The Middle Village, New York native signed his first professional contract with Hartford in 2020 after participating in the club's open tryouts.



FW | ANTOINE HOPPENOT

#29

LAST SEASON: - 33 GP / 31 GS - 2,607 min | 7 G | 11 A | 32 SH | 6 YC | 0 RC

LAST MATCH: - 1 GP / 1 GS - 90 min | 0 G | 0 A | 3 SH | 0 YC | 0 RC

In 2022, Hoppenot was a vital contributor to Detroit City's 14-win season and Eastern Conference playoff berth. His playmaking ability was among the best in the league, scoring seven goals on 32 shots across 33 appearances. Hoppenot's 11 assists led the Championship and earned him the Assists Champion award, and his 80 chances created led Detroit City and were third-most overall in the Championship.

Over nine seasons, the French forward has recorded 38 goals and 44 assists in 201 appearances, making him one of only seven players to have recorded both 30 goals and 30 assists in the league's history. His 44 career regular season assists put him at fifth overall on the all-time USL Championship leaderboard.



DF | DREN DOBRUNA

#40

LAST SEASON: - GP / GS - min | G | O A | SH | YC | O RC

LAST MATCH: - GP / GS - min | G | O A | SH | YC | O RC

Dren Dobruna, a Waterbury, CT native, has earned his second Academy contract with Hartford, as he previously signed with the club in September of 2022 and made the 18-man roster in the final game of the season against Louisville City FC. Dobruna previously played for the NYCFC Academy from the U14 to U17 level, and appeared in three matches with NYCFC's MLS Next side in 2022, along with also being invited to preseason with the NYCFC first team in back to back seasons. In addition to his time with the NYCFC U15 and U17 squad, the defender appeared in two international friendlies with the Albanian National Team.



FW | ALI TALEB

#41

LAST SEASON: - GP / GS - min | G | O A | SH | YC | O RC

LAST MATCH: - GP / GS - min | G | O A | SH | YC | O RC

Taleb is a Glastonbury, CT native, and was most recently was a captain for Hartford's U19 team during the fall 2022 season. He recorded 11 goals and 5 assists in 9 games for the U19 squad, which helped him become the UPSL top scorer in the New England division. Outside the UPSL, Taleb earned the opportunity to represent his home country of Lebanon in a series of International friendlies for the U21 team in the summer of 2022. In his final high school season with the Glastonbury Guardians in 2021, Taleb received All-Conference and All-State honors, recording 19 goals and 7 assists in 14 games. Taleb is a product of the highly regarded Oakwood Soccer Club, playing for them from the U9 level up to U19.



DF | NIALL LOGUE

#50

LAST SEASON: - 25 GP / 19 GS - 1,750 min | 0 G | 0 A | 6 SH | 5 YC | 1 RC

LAST MATCH: - 1 GP / 1 GS - 90 min | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 1 YC | 0 RC

Logue comes to Hartford after spending the last two seasons with Memphis 901 FC. The Irish defenseman quickly established himself in the Memphis back line after joining the club on loan from El Paso Locomotive FC in June 2021. He made 22 appearances, led the club in blocked shots (32), and registered 93 clearances as Memphis earned a place in the USL Championship Playoffs for the first time in its history. He continued to make a consistent impact across 25 appearances and 19 starts in 2022 as well. Logue was second on the team in blocked shots (16) and in clearances (83), while swiping 23 interceptions and helping Memphis to a second place finish in the Eastern Conference.



MF | ANDRE LEWIS

#77

LAST SEASON: - 33 GP / 24 GS - 2,301 min | 6 G | 3 A | 28 SH | 5 YC | 0 RC

LAST MATCH: - GP / GS - min | G | O A | SH | YC | O RC

Lewis returns for a second season after Hartford Athletic acquired him via transfer from Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC in January of 2022. The Jamaican midfielder proved to be a valuable acquisition for the club, making 33 appearances, 24 of them starts, during the 2022 campaign. He was a centerpiece to Hartford's attacking play, scoring six goals and tallying three assists, while creating the second most chances (40) on the team.

The eight-year USL Championship veteran was voted to the USL Championship Team of the Week for his performances in Week 17 and in Week 30. On October 8th, Lewis recorded Hartford's first ever hat trick in a 6-3 win over Charleston Battery. His penalty kick to seal the third goal was voted "Moment of the Year" in this year's Fan's Choice Awards.