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# MATCH DAY

PROGRAM

APR. 26TH ✕ 4:00PM



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# 2025 SEASON SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)	RESULT
March 8	@ Lexington SC	7:00 PM	L 0-2
March 18*	New York Shockers	6:30 PM	W 3-0
March 22	@ Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC	7:00 PM	L 2-0
March 29	El Paso Locomotive FC	2:00 PM	
April 05	@ Loudoun United FC	4:30 PM	L 2-0
April 12	Indy Eleven	2:00 PM	PPD
April 19	Birmingham Legion FC	4:00 PM	W 1-0
April 26^	Portland Hearts of Pine	4:00 PM	
May 03	@ Charleston Battery	5:00 PM	
May 10	Detroit City FC	7:00 PM	
May 17	Louisville City FC	7:00 PM	
May 28	@ Indy Eleven	7:00 PM	
May 31^	@ Westchester SC	4:00 PM	
June 06	North Carolina FC	7:00 PM	
June 14	Charleston Battery	7:00 PM	
June 20	Loudoun United FC	7:30 PM	
June 28^	Detroit City FC	7:00 PM	
July 12	@ Detroit City FC	7:00 PM	
July 16	Tampa Bay Rowdies	7:30 PM	
July 19	@ Rhode Island FC	4:00 PM	
July 26^	@ Rhode Island FC	7:00 PM	
July 30	New Mexico United	7:30 PM	
August 06	Miami FC	7:30 PM	
August 09	@ Birmingham Legion FC	8:00 PM	
August 16	FC Tulsa	7:00 PM	
August 23	Rhode Island FC	7:00 PM	
August 30	@ North Carolina FC	7:30 PM	
September 06	@ Miami FC	7:00 PM	
September 13	@ Monterey Bay F.C.	10:00 PM	
September 20	Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC	7:00 PM	
September 27 @	Colorado Springs FC	8:00 PM	
October 04	@ Oakland Roots SC	10:00 PM	
October 11	Sacramento Republic FC	7:00 PM	
October 18	@ Tampa Bay Rowdies	7:30 PM	
October 25	@ Louisville City FC	7:30 PM	

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# ATHLETIC NOTES

## LAST TIME OUT

A goal in the 71st minute off the foot of Deshane Beckford proved to be the difference as Hartford Athletic got its first win of the season, 1-0 over Birmingham Legion. Hartford's start in attack was its strongest of the season, surpassing season averages in shots, shots on target, and crosses all in the first half. Emmanuel Samadia in particular was a focal point of the attack delivering ball after ball into the Birmingham box. Hartford continued to apply pressure in the second half and the pressure eventually broke the Legion defense. Hartford's press caused a turnover in Birmingham's box. Mamadou Dieng corralled the loose ball, laid it off for Beckford who put it on frame. Goalkeeper Matt Van Oekel's got his hands on the shot, but the deflection bounced into the net to give Hartford the lead.

## OPEN IT UP

Want to know the key to securing points for Hartford in the Brendan Burke era? Score first. Hartford are undefeated in USL Championship matches where they score first dating back to September 3, 2023, a streak that spans twelve matches. Hartford have amassed a whopping 30 points during that span with a record of 9-0-3.

## WINGMEN

One bright spot for Hartford has been the play up the wings from Emmanuel Samadia and Sebastian Anderson. Samadia, who was signed to a contract extension near the end of the 2024 season, now leads the team in chances created with 5 and Anderson, who comes in second with 4 chances created, also leads the team in Tackles and Duels won. Anderson has also played all 360 minutes available in USL Championship play. Captain Jordan Scarlett and GK Antony Siah are the only other players to reach that mark.

## FIRST LOOK AT TEN

Fans really got their first up close and personal look at the new number ten, Samuel Careaga on Saturday. Careaga, who was not expected to play much beyond halftime, ended up playing the full 90 minutes and controlled the middle of the pitch in a way the Hartford midfield desperately needed. "Samuel was at the center of everything," Head Coach Brendan Burke said after Saturday's game. "He calms the whole team down. For a guy who missed all of preseason and was out injured for a month to play like that is a great sign of things to come."

## MATCHUP HISTORY

While Hearts of Pine are merely a couple months old, this will be the second matchup between Hartford and Portland. The two teams squared off in early April in the second round of the U.S. Open Cup with Portland emerging victorious in penalty kicks. After going scoreless for the first 105 minutes, Jordan Scarlett opened the scoring for Hartford with a header off a set piece. Shortly before the end of the second extra session, Portland answered with a goal of their own to force penalties where the home side prevailed 4-2.

## KEEPER KIT FOR A CAUSE

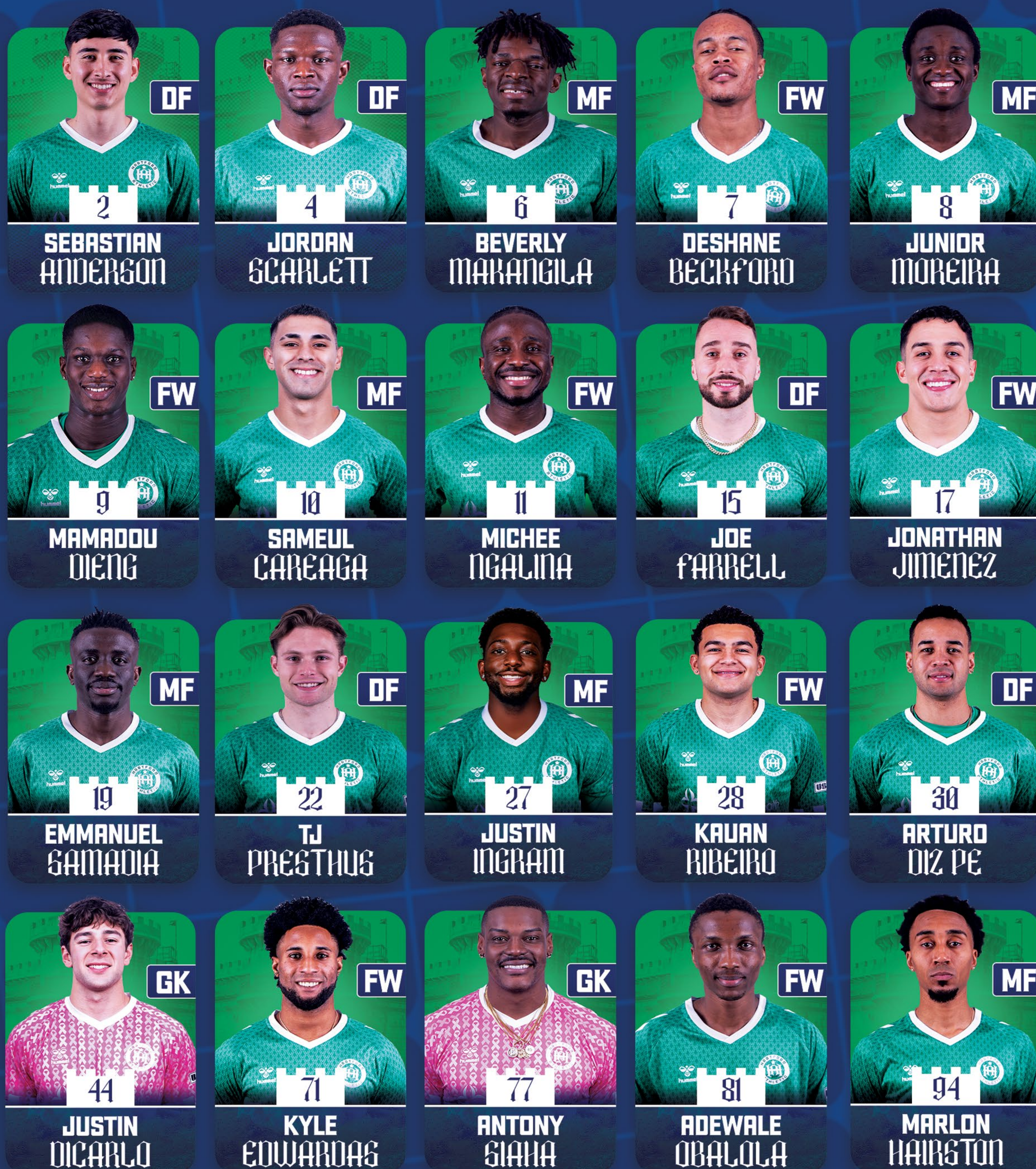
Hartford Athletic have introduced their brand-new Kit for a Cause campaign, with the Kick Out Cancer kits. This initiative, in partnership with the American Cancer Society through their Making Strides Against Breast Cancer movement, is the club's first of its kind. A portion of proceeds from each Kick Out Cancer Kit sold is donated to ACS, to fund research for a breast cancer cure. The kit debuted in the season opening match and will be worn for the majority of the club's home games this season.





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## 2025 RECORD WHEN

At Home  
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Wearing Green  
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Scoring First  
Conceding First  
Leading at Halftime  
Tied at Halftime  
Trailing at Halftime

## W-L-D

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## ALL-TIME LEADERS

### Goals

1. Danny Barrera (18)
2. Juan Carlos Obregón Jr. (15)
3. Prince Saydee (13)

### Assists

1. Danny Barrera (33)
2. Prince Saydee (11)
3. Younes Boudadi (7)

### Saves

1. Jeff Caldwell (108)
2. Renan Ribeiro (102)
3. Yannik Oetli (74)





# HARTFORD ATHLETIC

## 2025 TECHNICAL STAFF



**BRENDAN BURKE**  
HEAD COACH, GM

On December 12th, 2023, Brendan Burke was named the Head Coach and General Manager of Hartford Athletic. He led the 2024 squad to their most successful season in club history, earning a record number of points [44], tying the club record for wins [12], and setting the club record for most home wins [9]. Born in Massachusetts, Burke spent two seasons as Head Coach of the Colorado Springs Switchbacks, and added the role of General Manager for the 2022 campaign before being signed as Assistant Coach of MLS' Houston Dynamo.



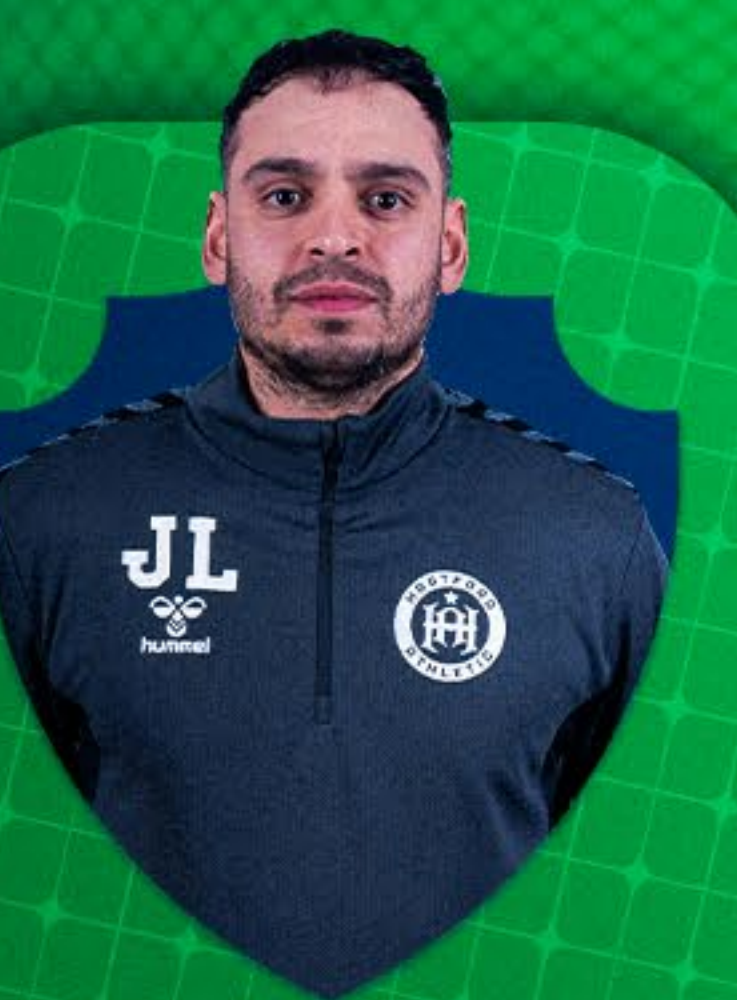
**AARON WHEELER**  
ASSISANT COACH

Aaron Wheeler, 36, returns to Hartford for his second season on the technical staff. He joined Hartford in 2024 for his first coaching job in the USL Championship after retiring from an extensive 11-year playing career at the professional level in November of 2023. He made his debut in 2010 with FC Tampa Bay (NASL), and went on to make 25 appearances in MLS with Philadelphia Union across the 2013 and 2014 seasons. He originally retired in 2017, but made his return as a player for Brendan Burke and the Switchbacks in 2022 and was a part of their run to the Western Conference Finals that season.



**DAN GASPAR**  
GOALKEEPER COACH

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, assisting former Real Madrid Head Coach Carlos Queiroz.



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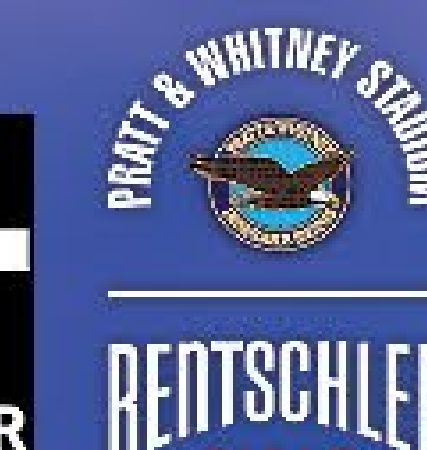
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