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RENO 1868 FC OPENS UP 2018 SEASON AT HOME SATURDAY

RENO, Nev. – Reno 1868 FC opens up the 2018 USL regular season Saturday against defending Western Conference Champion, Swope Park Rangers at Greater Nevada Field.

Gates opens at 3 p.m. with kickoff slated for 4 p.m.

Reno begins this season as the reigning goal-scoring kings of North America, after scoring a USL record 75 goals in 2017 en-route to a playoff spot in the club's inaugural season.

Reno returns key players from the 2017 campaign such as team co-MVP Antoine Hoppenot, who scored 12 goals last year, the second-highest tally on the team.

Hoppenot scored the opening goal in the series against Swope Park Rangers last year in the first minute in Kansas City. Reno took that opening match 4-1 and swept the series on Aug. 26 with a 1-0 victory.

Reno finished one-point above Swope in the final Western Conference standings.

Saturday's match will be a homecoming of sorts for Swope defender Matheus Silva. Silva spent last season with Reno 1868 FC and fully recovered from a July 4 incident at Lake Tahoe which left him hospitalized.

New Reno 1868 FC forward Mark Anthony Gonzalez will also be playing his former club Saturday. Gonzalez scored 17 goals over the past two seasons for Swope Park and was named the club's 2016 Offensive Player of the Year.

The first 1,868 fans will receive a St. Patrick's Day hat courtesy of Dolan Auto Group. Greater Nevada Field is also a designated stop on the 2018 Reno Leprechaun Crawl. Fans can purchase a cup with their tickets at Reno1868FC.com/tickets by entering the coupon code "green". You can follow the club on Twitter (@reno1868fc) or like the team on Facebook.

What: Reno 1868 FC v. Swope Park Rangers

Where: Greater Nevada Field

Gates Open: 3 p.m.

Kickoff: 4 p.m.

Tickets: Reno1868FC.com/Tickets

Giveaway: St. Patrick's Day Hat (First 1,868 fans)

After Party: Good Hops (Upstairs of Greater Nevada Field)

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RENO 1868 FC ROSTER

#	NAME	POS	HT	WT	Country
1	Russ Kolbough	GK	6-5	215	USA
2	James Kille	D	5-7	180	USA
3	Connor Johnson	D	6-0	180	USA
4	Jordan Murrell	D	5-11	185	Canada
5	Zach Cornell	D	6-3	185	USA
6	Thomas Jorgensen	D	6-2	190	USA
7	Dimitrios Yonko	D	5-9	160	USA
8	Guy Abend	M	6-0	181	Israel
9	Mark Gonzalez	F	6-0	177	Canada
10	Lincoln Mello	M	5-6	155	South Africa
12	Danay Munkwa	F	6-0	180	USA
13	Darwin England	M	5-11	163	Honduras
14	Chris Whelan	M	5-9	140	USA
16	Brent Richards	D	5-10	167	USA
17	Sean Gleeson	M	5-10	155	USA
18	JT Mordankowski	GK	6-1	185	USA
19	Kevin Portillo	M	5-6	145	USA
20	Christian Thieping	F	5-7	165	USA
21	Paul Morte	D	5-8	142	France
22	Jerry van Ewijk	M	5-8	160	Netherlands
23	Brenton Griffiths	D	6-2	175	Jamaica
24	Sean Bleker	GK	6-0	175	USA
26	Erik Colombo	M	5-7	140	USA
28	Mo Thiam	F	6-2	178	USA
29	Antoine Hoppert	F	5-8	170	USA
30	Chris Michaelson	M	5-10	155	USA
84	Seh Coyle	M	5-9	165	USA
96	Luis Felipe	M	6-1	185	USA
99	Brian Brown	F	5-11	165	Jamaica



SWOPE PARK RANGERS ROSTER

#	NAME	POS	HT	WT	Country
33	Bryon Rebellon	M	5-10	160	Colombia
36	Tyler Blackwood	F	6-2	160	England
44	Porter M. dier	D	5-11	170	USA
49	Will Lutz	M	5-7	135	USA
58	Dakota Bonomolon	D/M	6-2	165	USA
70	Domin MacLeod	GK	6-3	180	Canada
71	Chris Miller	M	5-9	150	USA
72	Jason Bishop	D	6-1	175	USA
75	Wen Kuo Wen Komol	M	5-10	160	USA
77	Condo Benita	M/F	5-7	150	Guatemala
79	Christian Harro	GK	6-6	210	USA
85	Felipe Hernandez	M	5-7	135	Colombia
92	Hodji Berry	F	5-11	160	Ghana
93	Rodrigo Soriano	M	5-11	170	Guatemala
97	Mathieu Silve	D/M	6-2	200	Brazil



3.17.18 - RENO 1868 FC v SWOPE PARK RANGERS - 4:00 P.M.



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WESTERN CONFERENCE STANDINGS

1		Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	0	0	0	0	0	0
2		Fresno FC	0	0	0	0	0	0
3		LA Galaxy II	0	0	0	0	0	0
4		Las Vegas Lights FC	0	0	0	0	0	0
5		OKC Energy FC	0	0	0	0	0	0
6		Orange County SC	0	0	0	0	0	0
7		Phoenix Rising FC	0	0	0	0	0	0
8		Portland Timbers 2	0	0	0	0	0	0
9		Real Monarchs SLC	0	0	0	0	0	0
10		Reno 1868 FC	0	0	0	0	0	0
11		Rio Grande Valley FC	0	0	0	0	0	0
12		Sacramento Republic FC	0	0	0	0	0	0
13		Saint Louis FC	0	0	0	0	0	0
14		San Antonio FC	0	0	0	0	0	0
15		Seattle Sounders FC 2	0	0	0	0	0	0
16		Swope Park Rangers	0	0	0	0	0	0
17		Tulsa Roughnecks FC	0	0	0	0	0	0

EASTERN CONFERENCE STANDINGS

1		Bethlehem Steel FC	0	0	0	0	0	0
2		Charleston Battery	0	0	0	0	0	0
3		Charlotte Independence	0	0	0	0	0	0
4		FC Cincinnati	0	0	0	0	0	0
5		Indy Eleven	0	0	0	0	0	0
6		Louisville City FC	0	0	0	0	0	0
7		Nashville SC	0	0	0	0	0	0
8		New York Red Bulls II	0	0	0	0	0	0
9		North Carolina FC	0	0	0	0	0	0
10		Ottawa Fury FC	0	0	0	0	0	0
11		Penn FC	0	0	0	0	0	0
12		Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC	0	0	0	0	0	0
13		Richmond Kickers	0	0	0	0	0	0
14		Tampa Bay Rowdies	0	0	0	0	0	0
15		Toronto FC II	0	0	0	0	0	0

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#1 RUSSELL KLABOUGH (GK)

Klabough, 27, spent a majority of last season on Reno's practice squad, but started in a 6-1 win over Portland Timbers 2. He was Reno's starting goal-keeper in two U.S. Open Cup Matches. He posted a 67 percent save percentage, the second-highest on the team and was 1-0 during the regular season.

HEIGHT: 6'5"

WEIGHT: 215 LBS

DOB: 5/11/90

#3 CONNOR JOHNSON (D)

Defender Connor Johnson was the West Coast Conference Defensive Player of the Year in 2016 before joining the PDL's Golden State Force. Johnson Earned All-First Team West Coast Conference honors his senior year assisting in six shutouts in conference play.

HEIGHT: 6'0"

WEIGHT: 180 LBS

DOB: 12/20/94

#4 JORDAN MURRELL (D)

Murrell, 24, a returning defender for Reno 1868 FC scored three goals in his 28 appearances.

The Canadian player recorded 78 clearances, 16 blocks and 45 interceptions in the 2017 season.

HEIGHT: 5'11"

WEIGHT: 185 LBS

DOB: 5/2/93

#5 ZACH CARROLL (D)



Carroll, 23, the 6-foot-3 defender most recently played for Orlando City B where he recorded 86 clearances, 11 blocks, and 40 interceptions this past season. He added two goals in his 20 starts. In 2016, Carroll earned Second Team All-USL honor with NY Red Bulls II, where he helped the club win the 2016 USL Cup.

HEIGHT: 6'4"
WEIGHT: 185 LBS
DOB: 3/16/94

#6 THOMAS JANJIGIAN



Janjigian made his professional debut with Reno last season against Orange County SC. During the season, Janjigian was called up to play with Reno's Major League Soccer affiliate, the San Jose Earthquakes in their U.S. Open Cup victory over the San Francisco Deltas. Janjigian also played in the Earthquakes' friendly against Bundesliga club Eintracht Frankfurt.

HEIGHT: 6'2"
WEIGHT: 190 LBS
DOB: 11/10/94

#7 BOXI YOMBA (D)



Yomba, 20, joined the Atlético Madrid youth program in 2014. In the same year, he made his international debut for Atlético in the UEFA (Union of European Football) Youth League against Olympiacos. Yomba and his former Spanish club would later advance to the quarterfinals of the tournament. Prior to his stints with Atlético, Yomba played for the United States U-17, U-18, and U-20 teams. Yomba was scouted while traveling with the U-18 Men's National team to the Copa del Atlántico in Spain.

HEIGHT: 5'9"
WEIGHT: 160 LBS
DOB: 9/4/96

#8 GUY ABEND(M)



Abend, a native of Israel, has spent the last three seasons playing central midfielder for Louisville City FC, where he helped claim the 2017 USL Cup. Abend was a regular starter during the club's championship season. He made 23 starts in his 27 appearances in the 2017 season, recording 30 clearances, 2 blocks and 39 interceptions.

HEIGHT: 6'0"
WEIGHT: 163 LBS
DOB: 11/8/90

#9 MARK ANTHONY GONZALEZ (F)



Gonzalez, 23, has played the past two seasons with Swope Park, where he scored 17 goals with 10 of those coming from outside of the box. In 2016, he was named Swope's Offensive Player of the Year, with 12 goals as a rookie. While his time at Swope, he was called up to the Canadian U-23 team for matches against Uzbekistan and Qatar.

HEIGHT: 6'0"
WEIGHT: 177 LBS
DOB: 9/9/94

#10 LINDO MFEKA (M)



AMfeka, 23, a returning midfielder for Reno 1868 FC helped score 75 goals this past season adding six goals through 2017. The South American native, added three assists while boasting an 86 percent pass success rate in his 22 starts. Mfeka helped Reno 1868 FC clinch a playoff spot and set a new USL record for most goals in a single season with his first career hat trick.

HEIGHT: 5'5"
WEIGHT: 155 LBS
DOB: 3/30/94

#12 DANNY MUSOVSKI (F)



Musovski, 22, was selected by San Jose with the 30th overall pick out of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. He was a four-year starter and two-time All-America selection for UNLV. During his senior season in 2017, he scored 15 goals and added six assists in 16 appearances, earning Third Team All-America and Western Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Year honors.

HEIGHT: 6'1"
WEIGHT: 185 LBS
DOB: 9/10/92

#13 DARWIN ESPINAL (M)



Espinal, 22, is a dynamic, pacey midfielder who most recently played for the South Florida Surf, a club in the Premier Development League (PDL). The Honduran international is not new to the USL scene as he played for the Tampa Bay Rowdies during the 2015-16 season scoring four goals. He scored two goals in 2017 for Reno.

HEIGHT: 5'11"
WEIGHT: 163 LBS
DOB: 1/16/95

#16 BRENT RICHARDS (D)



Richards, 27, a returning defender for Reno 1868 FC scored two goals with three assists in the 2017 season. He recorded 79 clearances, 13 blocks and 67 interceptions in his 26 game appearances.

HEIGHT: 5'10"
WEIGHT: 167 LBS
DOB: 5/20/90

#17 SAM GLEADLE (M)



Gleadle most recently spent time with Albuquerque Sol FC after graduating from the University of New Mexico where he was teammates with 2017 USL Rookie of the Year, Chris Wehan. A four-year starter, Gleadle scored three goals and notched two assists in his senior year with the Lobos.

HEIGHT: 5'10"
WEIGHT: 155 LBS
DOB: 3/20/96

#19 KEVIN PARTIDA (M)



A former star at Sparks High School, Partida helped lead the Railroaders to the state championship game in 2012, a year in which he earned All-Region honors. Following a fruitful career at Sparks High School, Partida took his talents to UNLV. Partida started all 19 games as a freshman for UNLV and notched a game-winning assist against Houston Baptist.

HEIGHT: 5'9"
WEIGHT: 165 LBS
DOB: 3/10/95

#20 CHRISTIAN THIERJUNG



Thierjung, 22, was a four-year standout at Cal, scoring 27 goals before he was drafted by the San Jose Earthquakes in the third round of the MLS SuperDraft. In July, he joined the Tulsa Roughnecks where he scored four goals with eight chances created off of key passes. Thierjung posted a 79-percent pass success rate and recorded seven interceptions.

HEIGHT: 5'11"
WEIGHT: 165 LBS
DOB: 1/5/95

#22 JERRY VAN EWIJK



van Ewijk, 25, a Dutch winger spent last season at Orange Country SC, where he scored eight goals. van Ewijk spent a majority of his adult career with top level Dutch clubs, playing with AGOVV, De Graafschap and Go Ahead Eagles. While playing for De Graafschap, he scored 24 goals from 2012-2015. HE also spent time with the Dutch U-17 and U-19 national teams, making a totally of 13 appearances for the orange and white.

HEIGHT: 5'8"
WEIGHT: 160 LBS
DOB: 3/12/92

#23 BRENTON GRIFFITHS (D)



Griffiths, 27, a returning defender for Reno 1868 FC scored two goals in his 22 start appearances. In his 2017 season, the Jamaican player, recorded 100 clearances, 12 blocks and 43 interceptions.

HEIGHT: 6'3"
WEIGHT: 175 LBS
DOB: 2/9/91

#20 MO THIAW (F)



Thiaw, 23, was the 35th overall pick out of the University of Louisville. He scored 61 goals over four collegiate seasons at the University of Louisville and Cincinnati State, adding 20 assists. Thiaw was a two-time All-America selection and the 2015 Junior College Player of the Year.

HEIGHT: 6'2"
WEIGHT: 178 LBS
DOB: 1/24/95

#29 ANTOINE HOPPENOT (F)



Hoppenot, 27, a returning midfielder/forward for Reno 1868 FC was named the team's 2017 co-MVP. He was a main component to Reno's offense that tailed a USL-record 75 goals in its inaugural season. Hoppenot scored 12 goals and notches six assists during 2017 to go along with 51 chances created.

HEIGHT: 5'8"
WEIGHT: 170 LBS
DOB: 11/23/90

#30 CHRISTO MICHAELSON (M)



Michaelson most recently played for Portland Timbers' U-23 side in the PDL after a standout career at Gonzaga. The midfielder was an All-WCC Honorable Mention in 2016. Michaelson scored 10 goals and notched four assists in his four years with Gonzaga.

HEIGHT: 5'10"
WEIGHT: 165 LBS
DOB: 10/6/95

#84 SETH CASIPLE (M)



Casiple, 24, a returning midfielder for Reno 1868 FC scored four goals with three assists in the 2017 season. In his 28 appearances he recorded an 83 percent pass success rate.

HEIGHT: 5'9"
WEIGHT: 165 LBS
DOB: 8/23/93

#99 BRIAN BROWN (F)



Brown, 25, a returning forward for Reno 1868 FC scored three goals and notched five assists during his 23 appearances in the 2017 season.

HEIGHT: 5'11"
WEIGHT: 165 LBS
DOB: 12/29/92



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IAN RUSSELL HEAD COACH

Russell played for the University of Washington and later started his professional career with the Seattle Sounders of the USL First Division in 1998 and 1999. Russell was drafted by the San Jose Earthquakes in 2000 and continued to play seven seasons in MLS. Six of those seasons came with the Earthquakes, where Russell helped the team win two MLS Cups in 2001 and 2003. In 2008, Russell returned to the Earthquakes as an assistant coach, a position he held for eight seasons. He helped lead the club to the postseason twice, while earning the Supporters' Shield for best regular season record (19-6-9) in 2012. Russell was also instrumental in the Quakes' international and collegiate scouting efforts, and briefly helped oversee the club's youth development as the academy's technical director. He served as the Earthquakes interim head coach for the final two games of the 2014 season and holds a U.S. Soccer Federation "A" coaching license.



CHRIS MALENAB ASSISTANT COACH

Malenab joins Reno 1868 FC after spending the past four years as an assistant coach and video analyst at Sacramento Republic FC. During the 2014 inaugural season of the Sacramento Republic FC, Malenab served as an assistant coach to Predrag Radosavljević (Preki) during the club's championship campaign. From 2015 to 2017 Malenab served as video analyst for the Sacramento Republic FC under head coach Paul Buckle. Malenab started his coaching career coaching and serving as technical director at various youth clubs in the greater Sacramento area while coaching high school soccer. Along with his youth coaching experience, Malenab has served as an assistant coach at the college level, at Cosumnes River College (NJCAA), California State University Stanislaus (NCAA D-II) and San Joaquin Delta College (NJCAA).



CASEY TATE **ASSISTANT COACH**

Tate joined the Reno 1868 FC staff in 2017 and served as an Assistant Coach under Head Coach Ian Russell for the inaugural season. He came to Reno 1868 from the University of Nevada where he spent 8 seasons as the Assistant Coach for the Wolf Pack Soccer program, being promoted to Head Coach Interim for the 2016 season. Tate helped lead the Pack to two postseason appearances and in 2016 posted the program's highest win total since its inaugural season in the Mountain West Conference. He has also been involved in the Reno/Tahoe youth soccer community for the past eight years and was the Director for several elite local clubs.



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