

MATCH NOTES

OTTAWA
FURY FC



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USL
CHAMPIONSHIP
SEASON
OPENER

March 9, 2019
7:30PM ET

MUSC Health
Stadium,
Charleston, SC

CHARLESTON
BATTERY



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Weekly Storylines:

- Fury FC opens its 2019 USL Championship season on the road at Charleston Battery, fresh off a preseason training camp segment spent at IMG Academy in Bradenton, Florida, in warm and humid temperatures. These training conditions should prepare the club for an improved start of the season.
 - Slow start of season performance wise is a trend that is seen across Canadian pro soccer clubs, attributed to training environments at home and weather acclimation, amongst other factors.
- Fury FC can count on 11 returning players that were part of the squad in 2018, including some core leadership figures the likes of Carl Haworth, Jamar Dixon and Nana Attakora.
- Ottawa will also rely on new abilities brought in through the signing of new, seasoned players like Christiano François, Charlie Ward, Wal Fall and Dakota Barnathan. A total of 11 new faces have been added to the 2019 roster.
- Under the guidance of GM Julian de Guzman and Head Coach Nikola Popovic, Fury FC continues to offer valuable professional development opportunities to "above average" Canadian players. 15 Canadians (68%) feature in Ottawa's formation this season, over half of them aged 23 years old or younger.
- Fury FC have historically fared ok against Charleston Battery, both sides splitting three of their four all-time decisions, and Charleston claiming a 2-0 win in the fourth match, the final 2018 matchup for Fury FC.

Scouting the Charleston Battery: The Charleston Battery reached the USL Cup Playoffs for the eighth consecutive season in 2018, continuing their streak as the lone club to reach the postseason in every year of the league's history, but for a second consecutive year they were eliminated at home in the Eastern Conference Quarterfinals by the New York Red Bulls II. That defeat completed a disappointing end of the regular season that saw Charleston win only three times in its final 13 games to finish fourth in the East after a start that looked promising to add a second USL Cup to its trophy case.

Despite that late-season downturn, however, the Battery should be considered a solid playoff contender again this season. The side returns All-League First Team midfielder Tah Anunga – who broke out as one of the best two-way midfielders in the league – Trinidad & Tobago international forward Ataula Guerra and stalwart center back Taylor Mueller. Goalkeeper Joe Kuzminsky also returns after taking the No. 1 spot from Odisnel Cooper a season ago. (*via USL Championship*)

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HOW THEY LINE-UP: OTTAWA FURY FC vs CHARLESTON BATTERY

OTTAWA FURY FC			CHARLESTON BATTERY		
NO	NAME	POS	NO	NAME	POS
3	Daniel KINUMBE	D	0	Phillip BRENO	GK
4	Nana ATTAKORA	D	1	Joe KUZMINSKY	GK
5	Wal FALL	M	2	Jay BOLT	D
6	Chris MANNELLA	M	3	Kyle NELSON	D
7	Onua OBASI	D	4	Taylor MUELLER	D
8	Jérémy GAGNON-LAPARÉ	M	5	Leland ARCHER	D
9	Carl HAWORTH ©	D	7	O'Brian WOODBINE	D
10	Kevin OLIVEIRA	M	8	Romario PIGGOTT	M
12	David MONSALVE	GK	9	Ian SVANTESSON	F
13	Aidan DANIELS	M	10	Ataulla GUERRA	F
14	Charlie WARD	M	11	Zeiko LEWIS	M
15	Maxim TISSOT	D	12	Vincenzo CANDELA	M
17	Christiano FRANCOIS	F	13	Nico RITTMAYER	M
19	Thiago DE FREITAS	M	14	Jarad VAN SCHAIK	D
21	Jordan TISSEUR	GK	16	Robbert BEEBE	GK
22	Jamar DIXON	M	19	Dante MARINI	M
23	Jadon VILFORT	D	20	AJ PATTERSON	D
26	Thomas MEILLEUR-GIGUÈRE	D	21	Angelo KELLY	M
31	Luca RICCI	M	22	Tah Brian ANUNGA	M
49	Robert BOSKOVIC	D	25	Kotaro HIGASHI	M
58	Dakota BARNATHAN	D	26	Kierron MASON	M
64	Shaan HUNDAL	F	27	Arthus BOSUA	F
HEAD COACH: Nikola POPOVIC			HEAD COACH: Mike ANHAEUSER		

Injuries/Suspensions:

OUT - Maxim Tissot (quad)

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Sergii DEMIANCHUK

Assistants: Walter HEATHERLY & Dallas ROSIER

Fourth Official: Parker NORTHROP