

# MATCH NOTES

**OTTAWA  
FURY FC**



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**CHARLOTTE  
INDEPENDENCE**



USL  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
WEEK 14

June 8, 2019  
7:00 PM ET

Highmark Stadium  
Pittsburgh, PA

2019 Record (W-D-L) & Ranking:  
6-3-2 | 21 Points | 4th (EC) | 17 GF 9 GA  
Form: D-W-W-D-W

2019 Record (W-D-L) & Ranking:  
2-6-2 | 12 Points | 13th (EC) | 13 GF 13 GA  
Form: D-D-D-D-L

## HOW TO FOLLOW

STREAM: [OttawaFuryFC.com/Fury-Live](http://OttawaFuryFC.com/Fury-Live) | [USL Match Centre](#)

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### Weekly Storylines:

- Fury FC newcomer Mour Samb now has six goals in nine games, having missed the first two games of the season after arriving late to training camp. He is the USL Championship Eastern Conference points leader with 6 goals, 4 assists for a total of 10 points and an average of 75.7min per point. He was also selected on the Team of the Week for week 13.
- The 4-1 win on Sunday pushed Ottawa's unbeaten streak to six (four wins, two draws) and sprung the club up the USL Championship Eastern Conference table into a three-way tie for fourth place with Indy Eleven (21pts, 11 games played, 7 goal differential) and Louisville City FC (21pts, 13 games played, 4 goal differential).
- The offensively challenged 2018 Fury FC team seems but a bad memory: with 17 goals on the board through 11 games, it marks a dramatic change on last year's record when the team managed 31 in 32 games.
  - Ottawa is still chasing the franchise record of scoring at least one goal in 8 consecutive games, having now scored in its last 6 matches.
- Fury FC is 7<sup>th</sup> in the Eastern Conference for goals scored through 13 weeks of action (11 games), but has only conceded 9 (fourth fewest in the division), for the 5<sup>th</sup> best goal differential in the conference.
- The Ottawa-Pittsburgh matchup will see two players face their former club: rights to Christiano François were acquired by Fury FC from Pittsburgh in the offseason, while the Riverhounds brought 2018 Fury FC co-leader in scoring Steevan Dos Santos.

**Scouting the Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC:** Sporting a new look for the 2018 season after a refresh of the club's logo and official colors, Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC also took a quantum leap forward on the field as the arrival of Bob Lilley as Head Coach turned the side into a serious Eastern Conference contender in just one year. The new season marks the 20th for the Hounds organization, and with Lilley and many of the team's key figures back for the new year, there are now expectations the Hounds will look to live up to. Most of the club's key players are back to try and accomplish that, with All-League defender Joe Greenspan and midfielder Kenardo Forbes leading the way alongside mainstay midfielder Kevin Kerr and 2018 leading scorer Neco Brett. One notable departure to the club's attacking corps saw the side sell winger Christiano Francois to fellow Championship side Ottawa Fury FC, but Lilley has reinforced his attacking options by bringing in two more players from his USL Cup-winning side at the Rochester Rhinos with Steevan Dos Santos and Christian Volesky both arriving in Pittsburgh. Upgraded squads elsewhere in the East may grab the preseason

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spotlight, but it would be surprising if the Hounds are unable to go toe-to-toe with anyone over the course of this campaign. (via USL Championship).

## HOW THEY LINE-UP: OTTAWA FURY FC @ PITTSBURGH RIVERHOUNDS SC

OTTAWA FURY FC			PITTSBURGH RIVERHOUNDS SC		
NO	NAME	POS	NO	NAME	POS
1	Callum IRVING	GK	1	Kyle MORTON	GK
4	Nana ATTAKORA	D	2	Tobi ADEWOLE	D
5	Wal FALL	M	3	Uchenna UZO	D
6	Chris MANNELLA	M	4	Daniel ROVIRA	D
7	Onua OBASI	D	5	Jordan DOVER	M
8	Jérémy GAGNON-LAPARÉ	M	6	Sammy KAHSAI	M
9	Carl HAWORTH ©	D	7	Ryan JAMES	M
10	Kevin OLIVEIRA	F	8	Steevan Dos SANTOS	F
11	Mour SAMB	F	9	Neco BRETT	M
12	David MONSALVE	GK	10	Kevin KERR	M
13	Aidan DANIELS	F	11	Kenardo FORBES	M
14	Charlie WARD	M	12	Christian VOLESKY	F
15	Maxim TISSOT	D	14	Noah FRANKE	D
17	Christiano FRANCOIS	F	15	Anthony VELARDE	M
19	Thiago DE FREITAS	M	16	Mark FORREST	F
20	Amar SEJDIC	M	17	Thomas VANCAEYEZEELLE	M
21	Jordan TISSEUR	GK	19	Prosper FIGBE	D
22	Jamar DIXON	D	20	Joseph GREENSPAN	D
23	Jadon VILFORT	D	21	Mouhamed DABO	M
26	Thomas MEILLEUR-GIGUÈRE	D	22	Ben LUNDGAARD	GK
27	Protails MUTAMBALA	M	23	Austin PACK	GK
31	Luca RICCI	M	24	Robbie MERTZ	M
49	Robert BOSKOVIC	D			
58	Dakota BARNATHAN	D			
HEAD COACH: Nikola POPOVIC			HEAD COACH: Bob LILEY		

### Injuries/Suspensions:

QUESTIONNABLE – Amar Sejdic (ankle), Thiago de Freitas (quad), Maxim Tissot (quad)

OTHER – Shaan Hundal (recalled to Toronto FC II), Daniel Kinumbe (recalled to Montreal Impact)

### MATCH OFFICIALS

**Referee:** Kevin BROADLEY

**Assistants:** Nick BALCER & Noah MATOS

**Fourth Official:** Brandon REA