

USL DIVISION ONE HAS COME A LONG WAY. A SINGLE TABLE MAKES MID-SEASON LEAGUE GAMES ACTUALLY MEAN SOMETHING... AND WITH SIX COVERTED PLAYOFF SPOTS AVAILABLE, THE SEASON IS ALWAYS A DIGHT TO THE END FOR THE TOP SEVEN OR EIGHT CLUBS.

ATLANTA SILVERBACKS
 2005 RECORD: 12-5-5, eighth place in the league table
NEWS: Tomasz Frankowski is making a name for himself in the USL ranks. The Polish forward is a threat from the left. He scored in the 90th minute of the league table, but he is still looking to make a name for himself. He is still looking to make a name for himself.
WARNINGS: Atlanta Silverbacks is still looking to make a name for itself. He is still looking to make a name for itself. He is still looking to make a name for itself.

CHARLESTON BATTERY
 2005 RECORD: 9-14-3, sixth place in the league table. Did not make the playoffs.
NEWS: The return of Corey Moore to goal after a shoulder injury on the back of the season. Corey Moore is still looking to make a name for himself. He is still looking to make a name for himself.
WARNINGS: Charleston Battery is still looking to make a name for itself. He is still looking to make a name for itself. He is still looking to make a name for itself.

MIAMI FC
 2005 RECORD: 11-7-5, 11th place in the league table.
NEWS: The addition of forward Chris Davis to the squad. Chris Davis is still looking to make a name for himself. He is still looking to make a name for himself.
WARNINGS: Miami FC is still looking to make a name for itself. He is still looking to make a name for itself. He is still looking to make a name for itself.

MINNESOTA THUNDER
 2005 RECORD: 11-11-7, fourth place in the league table.
NEWS: The acquisition of forward Jason Davis from the Kansas City Wizards and Alvin Thomas from Portland might make the team more powerful. They are still looking to make a name for themselves.
WARNINGS: Minnesota Thunder is still looking to make a name for itself. He is still looking to make a name for itself. He is still looking to make a name for itself.

MONTREAL IMPACT
 2005 RECORD: 13-3-1, first place in the league table.
NEWS: The addition of forward Jason Davis from the Kansas City Wizards and Alvin Thomas from Portland might make the team more powerful. They are still looking to make a name for themselves.
WARNINGS: Montreal Impact is still looking to make a name for itself. He is still looking to make a name for itself. He is still looking to make a name for itself.

PORTLAND TIMBERS
 2005 RECORD: 15-4-5, fifth place in the league table.
NEWS: A pair of Galaxy return from their loan. Portland Timbers is still looking to make a name for itself. He is still looking to make a name for itself.
WARNINGS: Portland Timbers is still looking to make a name for itself. He is still looking to make a name for itself. He is still looking to make a name for itself.

Puerto Rico Islanders
 2005 RECORD: 12-11-8, seventh place in the league table.
NEWS: Christian Rivera is making a name for himself in the USL ranks. He is still looking to make a name for himself. He is still looking to make a name for himself.
WARNINGS: Puerto Rico Islanders is still looking to make a name for itself. He is still looking to make a name for itself. He is still looking to make a name for itself.

Rochester Raging Rhinos
 2005 RECORD: 11-10-6, eighth place in the league table.
NEWS: The addition of forward Chris Davis to the squad. Chris Davis is still looking to make a name for himself. He is still looking to make a name for himself.
WARNINGS: Rochester Raging Rhinos is still looking to make a name for itself. He is still looking to make a name for itself. He is still looking to make a name for itself.

Seattle Sounders FC
 2005 RECORD: 11-11-8, seventh place in the league table. USL First Division Champions.
NEWS: Fresh off their championship run, the team is still looking to make a name for itself. He is still looking to make a name for itself.
WARNINGS: Seattle Sounders FC is still looking to make a name for itself. He is still looking to make a name for itself. He is still looking to make a name for itself.

TORONTO LYNX
 2005 RECORD: 11-11-8, seventh place in the league table.
NEWS: The addition of forward Chris Davis to the squad. Chris Davis is still looking to make a name for himself. He is still looking to make a name for himself.
WARNINGS: Toronto Lynx is still looking to make a name for itself. He is still looking to make a name for itself. He is still looking to make a name for itself.

Vancouver Whitecaps
 2005 RECORD: 12-11-7, eighth place in the league table.
NEWS: The addition of forward Chris Davis to the squad. Chris Davis is still looking to make a name for himself. He is still looking to make a name for himself.
WARNINGS: Vancouver Whitecaps is still looking to make a name for itself. He is still looking to make a name for itself. He is still looking to make a name for itself.

Virginia Beach Mariners
 2005 RECORD: 11-11-8, seventh place in the league table.
NEWS: The addition of forward Chris Davis to the squad. Chris Davis is still looking to make a name for himself. He is still looking to make a name for himself.
WARNINGS: Virginia Beach Mariners is still looking to make a name for itself. He is still looking to make a name for itself. He is still looking to make a name for itself.

USL PLAYER PROFILE

Dan Kennedy

Chivas USA—who drafted Kennedy—and the MetroStars—who signed him at the beginning of the season to back up Zach Wells for two games after Jonny Walker was injured—opted instead to sign with USL Division One club Puerto Rico where he could immediately challenge for a starting job. “I had no desire to be a developmental player when I could go somewhere and play,” he says. The decision proved a prudent one. Despite his lack of professional experience, Kennedy won the starting job in preseason and played every game of the team’s 28-game schedule, earning USL Rookie of the Year honors in the process.

So when it came time to sign a professional contract, few were surprised when Kennedy was not all Kennedy had to overcome his rookie season. Signing with Puerto Rico posed linguistic and cultural challenges that he would not have otherwise faced by signing with one of the mainland clubs. “The hardest thing was having to communicate on the field in Spanish,” he says. “Sometimes you have to say more to someone who is right or left or man on, and I couldn’t at first, which made things interesting.”



Following the 2005 USL season, Kennedy spent considerable time training with Chivas USA and Real Salt Lake, both of which showed interest in signing him as an understudy, but when Kennedy chose to return to Puerto Rico for the 2006 season for more practical experience, “There is still a lot I have to learn and Puerto Rico is the best place to do it for me,” he says.

Puerto Rico Islanders

By Andrew Mosier

“He’s a great shot stopper,” says Islanders coach Jorge Alvia. “There are still aspects of his game that he has to work on—dealing with crosses, reading the game. But all of that comes with experience, which is what he’s getting right now.”

From the time he entered college to his acclimated rookie season in the professional ranks, playing has been his greatest concern. “There is only so much you can learn in training,” the Puerto Rico Islanders goalkeeper says. “You learn from playing in games. I’ve always believed that is the only way to improve—playing in games.”

His leathe to watch from the bench is why Kennedy passed up opportunities to play for some of the top soccer programs in the country. Instead, the Yorba Linda, California native opted to attend the nearby University of California at Santa Barbara, a perennial cellular-dwelling program, but one he knew would give him the opportunity to

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 BORN: 07/27/1982
 6'1" 200 lbs
 CURRENT CLUB: Puerto Rico Islanders USL Division One
 2005 USL First Division Rookie of the Year
 COLLEGE: University of California at Santa Barbara
 2002, 03 Big West Honorable Mention
 2004 Big West Goalkeeper of the Year