

Orlando City SC to Kick Off Final USL Pro Home Opener on Saturday at ESPN Wide World of Sports

Orlando, Fla.- Orlando City SC kicks off their final USL PRO home opener at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex, as they welcome the Pittsburgh Riverhounds on Saturday, March 29. The match will kick-off at 7:30 p.m.

"We're delighted to play in-front of our fans this weekend and we'll be looking to come out of the gate strong," said Head Coach Adrian Heath on the home-opener. "Pittsburgh is a good side and we know that we have a bigger target on our backs this year, but we'll be up for it."

The ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex will serve as a temporary one-year home for the Lions and has increased capacity to allow approximately 5,500 fans to attend City's home matches this season.

After starting the season on the road in South Carolina with a 1-1 draw against the Battery, the Lions will look for their first win of the season. Newly signed Midfielder Austin da Luz looked sharp in his debut with Orlando, recording the team's first goal of the 2014 campaign.

"The fans that made the trip to Charleston were unbelievable," da Luz said ahead of Saturday's matchup with Pittsburgh. "I can't imagine what the home opener is going to be like. I think it's going to be a great opportunity for us to get our first win."

Defender Rob Valentino should be ready to go for the home opener this weekend. Valentino and Rusin looked to be a formidable partnership during the Pro Soccer Classic, as the Lions only conceded two goals in the two games Valentino and Rusin played together.

However during the off-season, Pittsburgh added even more attacking firepower to their core lineup and will provide a solid test for the City backline. After resigning lethal Striker Jose Angulo, who recorded 13 goals last season, the Riverhounds also added former Fulham and Chicago Fire Forward Collins John. Pittsburgh's squad also includes three loanees from MLS affiliate Houston Dynamo.

During the 2013 season the Lions went 1-1-1 against the Riverhounds, but defeated them in the USL PRO quarterfinals en route to City's second USL PRO Championship.

Season tickets are still available for purchase by calling 855.ORK.CITY or at the Ticket Services window at ESPN Wide World of Sports.

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