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Fusion 2019 Pre Season vs MLS/USL Teams

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Fusion Will Play Pre-Season Matches against MLS Champion Atlanta United, Colorado Rapids and Sacramento Republic

Regular Seasons begins at home against the Santa Cruz Breakers on Friday, May 10th

VENTURA, CA – The Ventura County Fusion soccer club will play three games against Major League Soccer sides, including 2018 MLS Champion Atlanta United, as part of its 2019 preseason schedule.

The Fusion take on the Colorado Rapids, Saturday, February 9 at the Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista California; Atlanta United Sunday, February 10 at Cal State Fullerton; and the Sacramento Republic on Wednesday, February 13 at the Santa Barbara Polo Fields.

Atlanta defeated the Portland Timbers 2-0 in the 2018 MLS Cup championship game. Former Ajax manager, Frank de Boer, was brought in this season to lead an extremely deep side that features established stars like Josef Martinez, Michael Parkhurst and Darlington Nagbe and recently added former US National Team member Brek Shea to its roster.

“Being able to play these three great teams in our preseason will help us prepare for the start of our regular in May,” said Fusion Head Coach Rudy Ybarra. “Atlanta United is the defending MLS champion so it is really the bar that every team in this country measures themselves against. Our players are chomping at the bit for a chance to measure themselves against such amazing competition.”

After completing its preseason, the Fusion open the 2019 regular season vs. the Santa Cruz Breakers on Friday, May 10th at 7 pm at the Ventura County College Sportsplex. Last season, the Fusion defeated the Breakers 1-0 on its way to a second place conference finish.

Upcoming Ventura County Fusion 2019 Preseason Fixtures Vs. MLS/USL Teams

Date	Opponent	Venue	Start Time
Saturday, February 9	Colorado Rapids	Olympic Training Center, Chula Vista, CA	12pm
Sunday, February 10	Atlanta United	Cal State Fullerton	5:30 pm
Wednesday, February 13	Sacramento Republic	Santa Barbara Polo Fields	3 pm

The Fusion competes in USL League Two, formerly the Professional Development League (PDL), which includes 74 teams competing in four conferences and 11 divisions across North America. The league is sponsored by United Soccer Leagues in the United States and Canada, forming part of the United States soccer league system. Its features players between the ages of 17 and 23 and serves as a developmental league for clubs in MLS and abroad.

The Fusion plays its home games at Ventura College Sportsplex on the campus of Ventura College. Season tickets start at \$35 and can be purchased here. Each season ticket comes with a Fusion Adidas baseball cap.

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About Ventura County Fusion

The Ventura County Fusion is an American soccer club based in Ventura, California. In 2007, the Fusion became the first soccer franchise from the Ventura County area of Southern California to enter USL League Two, where it competes in the Southwest division of the Western Conference. In addition to its USL League Two team, the Fusion fields the only Ventura County-based boys team in the United States Soccer Development Academy, the highest level of youth soccer in the United States, and a youth club academy with 20 competitive teams and approximately 400 players between the ages of 8 and 19. It also offers various community soccer programs for players at all levels and needs, including soccer schools, soccer camps, youth soccer league, and free soccer clinics for over 25,000 children. The team plays its home games at the Ventura College Sportsplex. For more information on the Ventura County Fusion, please visit <http://www.vcfusion.com> or email info@vcfusion.com.

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