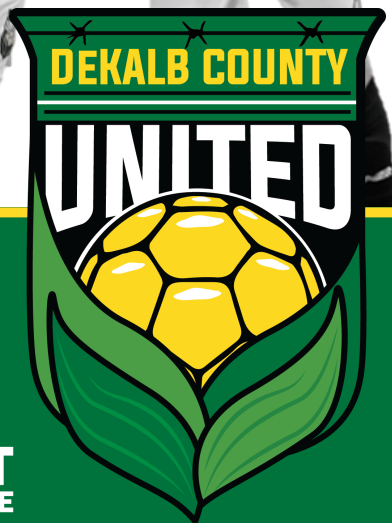


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A MESSAGE FROM



John Hall

DKCU PRESIDENT

Well after more than a year and a half in the making, DeKalb County United finally made it's debut in the Midwest Premier League. DKCU dropped a season opener against powerhouse RWB Adria (Chicago) in a rainy Saturday night match with a 2-3 final score.

But while the opener didn't go our way, the club enjoyed a vibrant start to the season with a large crowd and some rowndy supporters from Local 815, complete with noise makers, horns, drums and smoke!

The league season has just begun, but for a passionate and dedicated volunteer staff, this is the culmination of 20 months of work since the squad last kicked a meaningful ball. Months of Google Meets, podcasts and "behind the keyboard" efforts got us through a pandemic and that group can not be thanks enough.

The pandemic meant that the progress made by Coach Hamilton and Lichamer with the men's u23 side in 2019, had to wait to build upon the foundation. Now the group comes back with a number of fresh faces and looked to begin their pre-season work in late May. The roster is compiled of a lot of local talent that is eager to prove themselves first team ready in the near future.

COVID also caused a delayed introduction to the club for our women's u23 team as well. With a strong roster, the coaching staff is looking to make it's mark on the adult soccer landscape with participation in the IWSL as well as the Illinois State Cup tournament.

In fact, all three DKCU teams will compete in the IL State cup in their respective divisions. This means DKCU has a shot at six different trophies in 2021.

But our work on the field only scratches the surface of our mission. **UNITED THROUGH SOCCER**. That means more than what we do on the field, it means impacting those around us off of it. It means being advocates of other local businesses, non profits and organizations that bring value to our community. It means inspiring young soccer players, and athletes, to be their best. It means helping those around us who need us most.

We continue to say we are **"more than a soccer club,"** and that is how we feel we can build a sustainable club for this and future generations. By being impactful, positive, and prideful of our community.

We've got a heck of a lot of soccer left to play this summer, and we urge you to get involved, purchase a ticket, buy a membership, pick up a scarf, and show your support. We're only here because of you, DeKalb County. Learn more about the club at dkcunited.com.

DEKALB COUNTY UNITED SOCCER CLUB

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The club is managed by a passionate and
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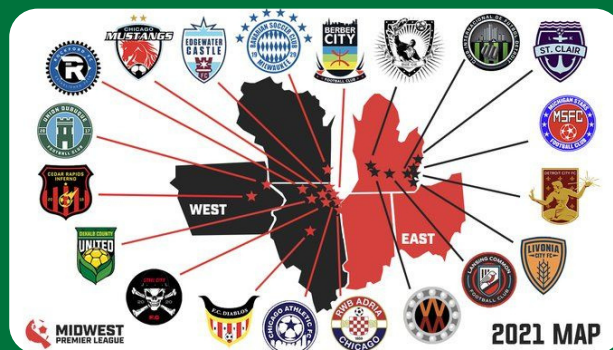
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DeKalb County United are proud members of the Midwest Premier League, comprised of twenty clubs in two divisions (East and West) representing the states of Illinois, Michigan, Iowa, and Wisconsin. Founded in 2019, the MWPL is conducting their Inaugural Season in 2021.



UNITED THROUGH SOCCER

2021 DEKALB COUNTY UNITED FIRST TEAM SCHEDULE



| DAY | DATE | HOME | AWAY | KICKOFF | TYPE |
|------|------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------|----------|
| SAT. | 4/10 | DEKALB COUNTY UNITED | STEEL CITY FC | 4:00 P.M. | FRIENDLY |
| SAT. | 4/17 | DEKALB COUNTY UNITED | CHICAGO POLICE SOCCER CLUB | 3:00 P.M. | FRIENDLY |
| TUE. | 4/20 | SCHWABEN AC | DEKALB COUNTY UNITED | 8:00 P.M. | FRIENDLY |
| FRI. | 4/30 | PANATHINAIKOS CHICAGO | DEKALB COUNTY UNITED | TBD | FRIENDLY |
| SAT. | 5/8 | DEKALB COUNTY UNITED | RWB ADRIA | 7:00 P.M. | MWPL |
| SAT. | 5/15 | BERBER CITY FC | DEKALB COUNTY UNITED | 7:00 P.M. | MWPL |
| SAT. | 5/22 | UNION DUBUQUE FC | DEKALB COUNTY UNITED | 5:00 P.M. | MWPL |
| SAT. | 6/5 | CHICAGO MUSTANGS | DEKALB COUNTY UNITED | 7:00 P.M. | MWPL |
| SUN. | 6/13 | DEKALB COUNTY UNITED | CEDAR RAPIDS INFERNO | 3:00 P.M. | MWPL |
| SAT. | 6/19 | EDGEWATER CASTLE FC | DEKALB COUNTY UNITED | 1:00 P.M. | MWPL |
| SAT. | 6/26 | DEKALB COUNTY UNITED | UNION DUBUQUE FC | 5:00 P.M. | FRIENDLY |
| WED. | 7/7 | STEEL CITY FC | DEKALB COUNTY UNITED | 7:00 P.M. | MWPL |
| SAT. | 7/10 | DEKALB COUNTY UNITED | FC DIABLOS | 7:00 P.M. | MWPL |
| THU. | 7/15 | ROCKFORD FC | DEKALB COUNTY UNITED | 7:00 P.M. | FRIENDLY |
| SUN. | 7/18 | DEKALB COUNTY UNITED | BAVARIAN SOCCER CLUB | 4:00 P.M. | MWPL |
| SAT. | 7/24 | DEKALB COUNTY UNITED | CHICAGO ATHLETIC FC | 7:00 P.M. | MWPL |
| SUN. | 8/1 | DEKALB COUNTY UNITED | ROCKFORD FC | 4:00 P.M. | MWPL |

DATES & TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE. UPDATES WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON DKCU MEDIA PLATFORMS.

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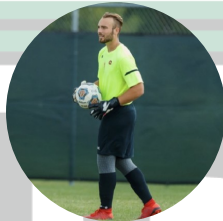
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CENTER DEFENSIVE MIDFIELDER
SCHOOLS ATTENDED: KISHWAUKEE
COLLEGE, UW-OSHKOSH, NIU
HOMETOWN: SYCAMORE, IL



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MIDFIELDER
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COLLEGE
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OUTSIDE MIDFIELDER
HOMETOWN: DIXON, IL



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COMMUNITY COLLEGE, EASTERN
ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
HOMETOWN: FRANKFORT, IL



ERIC YAW NTRAKWA
FORWARD - WINGER
HOMETOWN: GHANA



EVAN COLE
RIGHT BACK DEFENDER
SCHOOL ATTENDED: TRITON COMMUNITY
COLLEGE
HOMETOWN: HILLSIDE, IL



FRANCISCO DELGADO
MIDFIELDER
SCHOOL ATTENDED: BENEDICTINE
UNIVERSITY
HOMETOWN: AURORA, IL



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OFFICIAL SCORE CARD

| <i>SCORING</i> | | | |
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| <i>GAME STATISTICS</i> | <i>DKCU</i> | <i>OPP</i> |
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| SHOTS TAKEN | | |
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|  | 0 | PATRIK SMITH | AGE: 21 |
|  | 1 | TYLER DOLL | AGE: 23 |
|  | 35 | ANDREW MATHYS | AGE: 23 |
|  | 71 | DANNY MACK | AGE: 29 |
|  | 2 | ROGER RODRIGUEZ | AGE: 27 |
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|  | 46 | ADOLFO FLORES | AGE: 20 |
|  | 50 | LUIS LEON | AGE: 21 |
|  | 80 | LUIS MARQUEZ | AGE: 22 |

GOALKEEPERS

2021 DEKALB COUNTY UNITED FIRST TEAM ROSTER

DEFENDERS

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|---|----|-------------------------|---------|
|  | 8 | LUKASZ SULK | AGE: 23 |
|  | 10 | JOSE GUTIERREZ | AGE: 24 |
|  | 11 | ALBERTO MARTINEZ | AGE: 22 |
|  | 12 | RICARDO NAVA | AGE: 24 |
|  | 14 | BRAD FISHER | AGE: 33 |
|  | 19 | ERIC YAW NTRAKWA | AGE: 22 |
|  | 21 | MIGUEL GALLARDO | AGE: 21 |
|  | 49 | KENYATA COAKLEY | AGE: 26 |

FORWARDS

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|---|----|---------------------------|---------|
|  | 6 | MUNASHE ARIWAMWARI | AGE: 24 |
|  | 9 | BENNY REDZEPE | AGE: 22 |
|  | 13 | FRANCISCO DELGADO | AGE: 26 |
|  | 15 | BERNARDO DOMINGUEZ | AGE: 21 |
|  | 16 | CARLOS GALLARDO | AGE: 25 |
|  | 17 | ADAM SCHMITT | AGE: 29 |
|  | 20 | WADE ENKHAATAR | AGE: 24 |
|  | 22 | ANTONIO REYES | AGE: 24 |
|  | 23 | TOMASZ KULAK | AGE: 23 |
|  | 28 | ATL FLORES | AGE: 22 |
|  | 29 | JORGE MARTINEZ | AGE: 22 |
|  | 52 | MIGUEL RAMIREZ | AGE: 23 |
|  | 53 | NICK GIESING | AGE: 18 |



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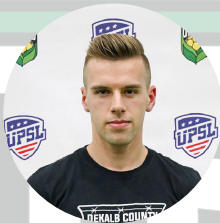
ISRAEL HERNANDEZ
FULL BACK
HOMETOWN: ROCKFORD, IL



KENYATA COAKLEY
LEFT WINGER
SCHOOL ATTENDED: KISHWAUKEE
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HOMETOWN: DEKALB, IL



LUIS LEON
CENTERBACK
SCHOOL ATTENDED: BELVIDERE HS
HOMETOWN: ELGIN, IL



LUKASZ SULKA
STRIKER / WINGER
SCHOOL ATTENDED: BENEDICTINE
UNIVERSITY
HOMETOWN: LEMONT, IL



MIGUEL RAMIREZ JR.
LEFT WINGER
SCHOOL ATTENDED: TRINITY
INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
HOMETOWN: HANOVER PARK, IL



MIGUEL GALLARDO
WINGER / STRIKER
SCHOOL ATTENDED: STERLING HS
HOMETOWN: STERLING, IL



MUNASHE ARIWAMWARI
FORWARD / MIDFIELDER
SCHOOLS ATTENDED: U OF I -
SPRINGFIELD, MAURICE A DEANE
SCHOOL OF LAW AT HOFSTRA
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SCHOOL ATTENDED: ELGIN COMMUNITY
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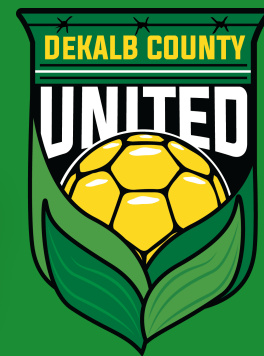
WADE ENKHAATAR
WINGER / MIDFIELDER
SCHOOL ATTENDED: COLLEGE OF LAKE
COUNTY
HOMETOWN: ULAANBAATAR, MONGOLIA



TYLER DOLL
GOALKEEPER
SCHOOLS ATTENDED: CENTRAL
METHODIST UNIVERSITY, DOMICIAN
COLLEGE
HOMETOWN: ST. LOUIS, MO

U23 PROGRAM

DEVELOPING LOCAL PLAYERS



It is important for us to provide an opportunity for local players to improve as athletes. Creating more teams within the club moves us closer toward our mission of developing local talent while *uniting* our community through soccer.

The U23 teams will allow local players to play in the summer during their college off-season from the end of May through July. This will be a shortened season for those players who return home in the summers and travel will be limited to the suburban areas.



FOOTBALL TERMINOLOGY

PITCH: The field of play, with a length of 115-120 yards, and a width of 70-75 yards

OFFSIDE: When an attacking player is beyond the last non-goalkeeping defender on the pitch, is ahead of the ball, and is participating (or moves to participate) in the play. Offside is judged at the moment the ball is played forward, and the call may be delayed as participation is determined.

PENALTY AREA: An area extending six yards out from each goal post, and 18 yards from the goal line, marked by a white line. When the defense commits a foul inside this area, the offense is awarded a penalty kick,

SPOT KICK: A penalty kick, taken from a spot 12 yards from the goal. One offensive player takes a free shot at goal with only the goalkeeper to defend. Player must make the shot in one, continuous, forward motion

TAKING THE POINTS: Winning the match, which is worth three points in the standings

SHARING THE POINTS: Drawing (or tying) the match, which awards each team one point in the standings

HOWLER: A horrible mistake, usually made by a goalkeeper or defender, resulting in a goal

BLINDER: A player, usually a goalkeeper, having an incredibly great match performance on the day

GANTRY: The press box area for the media, PA announcer, and broadcast personnel

BOOKING: A caution, so named because the referee records the player's number on a card or notebook

SENDING OFF: An ejection from the match due to serious violations of the rules, or because the player has received a second caution in the match

CROSS: A pass from the wing position on the field into the penalty area for a potential shot on goal

SET PIECE: Plays resulting from the re-start of the game, generally either a direct free kick or a corner kick

OUT OF TOUCH: A ball going out of play by crossing either sideline (touch line)

OVER THE BYELINE: A ball going out of play by crossing the goal line, but not resulting in a goal

OWN GOAL: A goal scored by the defense against itself by accidentally playing into their own goal. A shot that deflects off a defender on its way into the goal is not generally scored as an own goal.

FORMATION: The number of defenders, midfielders, and forwards playing on the pitch, generally known by the number. In a 4-4-2 formation, there are 4 defenders, 4 midfielders, and 2 forwards. In a 4-3-3, there are 4 defenders, 3 midfielders, and 3 forwards.

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