



FRIDAY | May 7, 2021

Next Game:



VS



Columbus Crew vs. Toronto FC
Wednesday, May 12
7pm

Monterrey downs Columbus to advance in the Champions League

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP) — Maximiliano Meza scored twice and Monterrey advanced to the semifinals of the CONCACAF Champions League with a 5-2 aggregate victory over the Columbus Crew on Wednesday night.

Monterrey claimed the second leg 3-0 in Monterrey after a 2-all draw with the Crew in Columbus last week. Meza scored both his goals in the opening half at the Liga MX team's home stadium, in the third and 26th minutes. Miguel Layun added a goal in the 71st minute. Monterrey will face Cruz Azul in the two-legged semifinals, which start in August. Cruz Azul, which sits atop the Liga MX standings, eliminated Toronto FC 4-1 in the quarterfinals.

Monterrey has won four Champions League titles in the past decade. The Crew were among five Major League Soccer teams in the quarterfinals of the tournament for club teams in CONCACAF, the confederation for the North America, Central America, and the Caribbean region.



Upcoming Games

- Sunday, May 16**
vs. New England
6pm
- Saturday, May 22**
vs. NYC FC
7:30pm
- Saturday, May 29**
vs. Toronto FC
3pm
- Saturday, June 19**
vs. Chicago
7:30pm
- Wednesday, June 23**
vs. Philadelphia
7:30pm
- Sunday, June 27**
vs. Austin
8pm
- Saturday, July 3**
vs. New England
5pm
- Wednesday, July 7**
vs. Cincinnati
7:30pm
- Saturday, July 17**
vs. NYC FC
7:30pm
- Wednesday, July 21**
vs. Nashville
7:30pm
- Saturday, July 24**
vs. Atlanta United
3:30pm
- Friday, July 30**
vs. NYC FC
7:30pm



Columbus Crew SC acquires midfielder Liam Fraser on loan from Toronto FC

COLUMBUS — Columbus Crew SC today announced that the Club has acquired Canadian 23-year-old midfielder Liam Fraser on a season-long loan from Toronto FC in exchange for \$50,000 in General Allocation Money (GAM) for the 2021 season, with Toronto FC retaining the player's rights following the conclusion of the loan. The midfielder has played for Toronto for the last four seasons and has represented the Canada National Team at the senior level.

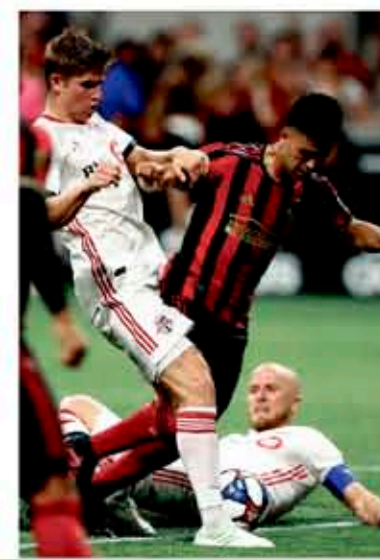
"Liam is a young, motivated, promising player whose presence will help deepen our midfield roster during a congested season," said Crew SC President & General Manager Tim Bezbatchenko. "We look forward to integrating him into our squad in Columbus while also helping him continue his professional development."

A product of the Toronto FC Academy, Fraser signed with TFC II on February 9, 2016 and went on to make 64 appearances (52 starts) across all competitions while registering two goals and five assists. The midfielder made his Toronto FC's First Team debut on March 30, 2018. To date, Fraser has made 33 regular-season appearances (20 starts) while providing one assist for Toronto FC.

At the international level, the midfielder has earned four caps with the Canada National Team, scoring one goal. Fraser made his debut in a 2019 Concacaf Nations League 2-0 win against the U.S. Men's National Team (October 15). He has also represented Canada at the Under-23 and U-20 levels.

TRANSACTION: Columbus Crew SC acquires midfielder Liam Fraser on loan from Toronto FC for the duration of the 2021 Major League Soccer season in exchange for \$50,000 in General Allocation Money for the 2021 season, announced on April 30, 2021. Toronto FC retains the player's rights following the conclusion of the loan. As per league rules, Fraser will not be allowed to play for Columbus in games against Toronto during the duration of the loan period.

Name: Liam Fraser
Position: Midfielder
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 179
Born: February 13, 1998 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Hometown: Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Citizenship: Canada
Acquired: Acquired by Crew SC on loan from Toronto FC for the duration of the 2021 Major League Soccer season, announced on April 30, 2021.
Previous Experience: Toronto FC (2018-2021), Toronto FC II (2016-2018)



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