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Rector, Reising, Loyden and Herzog helping Tormenta FC in first year of existence



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STATESBORO, Ga. – For many students the summer is a chance to get a part-time job to make some extra money or to just take a break from studying and soak up some sun or travel. That's not the case for many student-athletes, especially a quartet of Georgia Southern men's soccer players who are playing for South Georgia Tormenta FC this

summer, gaining valuable experience that will help them as they continue on in their careers.

Seniors [Jeremy Rector](#) and [Aidan Reising](#) as well as junior [Hunter Loyden](#) and sophomore [Chase Herzog](#) are all listed on the Tormenta's roster and have been helping the team grow in its first year in Statesboro. Rector, Loyden and Herzog are part of the active roster that features 26 players from 18 different universities spread out over eight states, including five from the Peach State. The roster also includes three players from National Premier Soccer League (NPSL) teams: Casey Osborne of the Atlanta Silverbacks, Ayao Sossou with the Rochester Rhinos and Reed Norton from the Seattle Sounders. Reising is a member of the Developmental Practice Roster.

"It's great for the four of our players to be playing with Tormenta FC for a number of reasons," said assistant coach [Geoff del Forn](#). "During the summer months it keeps them sharp technically with the ball and also keeps them game fit. They get great training from coach Ben Freakley who knows what it takes to play at the Division I level and be successful. We know that they will come back for preseason physically fit and they have been training at a high level every day. They also play with and against some of the best college players in the country. It is a well run organization that treats the players right and has their best interest at heart."

So far this season, Rector has played 83 minutes and taken two shots in three appearances. In the Tormenta's second game of the season, a 3-0 loss at the hands of the Carolina Dynamo on Saturday, May 21, he logged 45 minutes and took two shots. He followed that up with 21 minutes against Peachtree City MOBA on Friday, June 3 and logged 17 minutes in the Tormenta's first-ever win, a 1-0 victory on the road over the Carolina Dynamo on Saturday, June 18.

Loyden has played in 1 game, logging all 90 minutes in the Tormenta's second game of the season, a 3-0 loss at the hands of the Carolina Dynamo on Saturday, May 21.

The Tormenta (2-3-1) are closing in on the halfway point of the season, having played six games against five different teams. They have eight games left to be played with four home games at Eagle Field at Erk Russell Park. Those final home games will be Thursday, June 23 against the Southern West Virginia Kings, Saturday, June 25 against the West Virginia Chaos, Thursday, July 7 against the Tri-Cities Otters and Saturday, July 9 Charlotte Eagles.

The Tormenta is Statesboro's first-ever minor league team and is part of the Storm Soccer Academy and the United States Premier Development League (PDL). According to USLPDL.com, "The PDL features 67 teams within four conferences throughout the United States and Canada in 2015, including 10 teams affiliated with USL or Major League Soccer clubs. The PDL has proven to be an important stepping-stone for top professionals now playing throughout the world, with 70 percent of all MLS draftees having PDL experience."

The Georgia Southern Eagles men's soccer team will kick off the 2016 season with a home exhibition match against SCAD on Tuesday, August 16 before going on the road for five straight games, including the first four of the regular-season. Georgia Southern will open their home slate on Friday, September 9 against James Madison at 7 p.m.

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