



BURLINGTON SOCCER CLUB – THE BOYS ARE BACK

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The Boys are Back in Burlington.

As the Burlington Soccer Club head's full steam ahead into the 2023 season, the club announces their two first signings - Jace Kotsopoulos and Augustus Oku.

While both names will be familiar to the Bayhawks faithful, the club welcomes both with "open wings" and looks forward to their immediate impact on the 2023 squad, who look to improve upon their 17th place finish in their inaugural season in the league.

Jace Kotsopoulos, a hometown kid, is "happy to be back in Burlington, where I grew up for most of my life." Jace played his soccer from U13 – U19 with the club, where "when I first came to Burlington, the team was not in the highest division and had some work to do. We did come a long way during my tenure, as we came top of the OYSL and were an Ontario Cup Finalist." After completing his youth soccer career, he went off to Guelph and made a statement for their university squad – countless top OUA Goal scoring titles, a USports Player of the Year and OUA Male Athlete of the Year – cementing his place in Gryphons history. He went on to add further accolades to his trophy shelf, by being a part of two League 1 Championship teams, earning both a League 1 MVP and Golden Boot title, and lifted the North Star Shield CPL Trophy once.

The club and Jace are equally as excited to get to work, "We have a good group, great core, all with a common goal to achieve something great and win the league", says Jace. With "Burlington holding a special place in my heart" (Jace), the fans will certainly be witnessing something special this year.

Augustus Oku returns to the Burlington League 1 Premier side after having been a mainstay on the team in 2022. Through the first season in the league, Augustus made quite the impression as he led the Bayhawks in scoring and was fifth across the league in goals, all the while starting every game for the Bayhawks. While the team missed the playoffs last season, with the League 1 Third Team All-Star back on the pitch, the Bayhawks look to change this for 2023. As Augustus says, "It was an okay season, we underperformed, but this year with our new additions, we look forward to making our way up the table." As fans have come to know this goal hungry striker, Augustus wants the fans to know that "they should look forward to a much improved, dynamic and deeper team this year. Come out and support some quality football in your own backyard."

With these additions, the Burlington Bayhawks look to further challenge the defensive prowess of teams in the league and create a challenge for those looking to keep their goals against average low.



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The season kicks-off this April with the schedule to be released in the coming weeks. Make sure to follow [@burlsoccer](https://twitter.com/burlsoccer) for all of your Bayhawks announcements and we'll see you in Blue and Yellow in the near future.

ABOUT BURLINGTON SOCCER CLUB

The Burlington Soccer Club is a non-profit soccer provided located in the City of Burlington. Since 1962 the BSC has continued to serve Burlington and surrounding area with programs for 18 months to adults, embracing all abilities and all skill levels through their recreational, supplementary and competitive programs.

ABOUT LEAGUE 1 ONTARIO

A subsidiary of Canada Soccer Business (CSB), League 1 Ontario serves as a stepping stone between the high-performance youth level and elite professional soccer. Launched in 2014, the league now serves over 10 teams across its men's, women's and reserve sides.

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