

**NJ
NY** GOTHAM FC 2024

MEDIA GUIDE



2024 SCHEDULE



DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	VENUE	TIME (ET)	WATCH
SUN	March 24	Portland	Providence Park	7PM	NWSL
SAT	March 30	NC Courage	WakeMed Soccer Park	7PM	NWSL
SUN	April 14	KC Current	Red Bull Arena	6PM	NWSL
SAT	April 20	Washington Spirit	Audi Field	1PM	CBS
SUN	April 28	Racing Louisville FC	Red Bull Arena	5PM	CBS
SAT	May 4	NC Courage	Red Bull Arena	7:30PM	ION
WED	May 8	Houston Dash	Shell Energy Stadium	8PM	NWSL
SUN	May 12	San Diego Wave	Snapdragon Stadium	8PM	NWSL
SUN	May 19	Chicago Red Stars	Red Bull Arena	5PM	NWSL
FRI	May 24	Bay FC	PayPal Park	10PM	PRIME
SAT	June 8	Angel City FC	Red Bull Arena	12:30PM	CBS
SAT	June 15	Racing Louisville FC	Lynn Family Stadium	1PM	ESPN2
WED	June 19	San Diego Wave	Red Bull Arena	7PM	NWSL
SUN	June 23	Washington Spirit	Red Bull Arena	12:30PM	CBS Sports Network
SUN	June 30	Seattle Reign	Red Bull Arena	1PM	ESPN2
SAT	July 6	Angel City FC	BMO Stadium	10PM	ION
SAT	August 24	Portland Thorns	Red Bull Arena	2PM	CBS
SUN	September 1	Orlando Pride	Exploria Stadium	7PM	NWSL
SUN	September 8	Houston Dash	Red Bull Arena	1PM	ESPN2
MON	September 16	Seattle Reign	Lumen Field	10PM	ESPN
SUN	September 22	Utah Royals	Red Bull Arena	1PM	ESPN2
SAT	September 28	Kansas City Current	CPKC Stadium	1PM	CBS
SAT	October 5	Bay FC	Red Bull Arena	7:30PM	ION
SAT	October 12	Chicago Red Stars	Seatgeek Stadium	4PM	NWSL
SUN	October 20	Orlando Pride	Red Bull Arena	5PM	CBS Sports Network
FRI	November 1	Utah Royals	America First Field	9:30PM	NWSL

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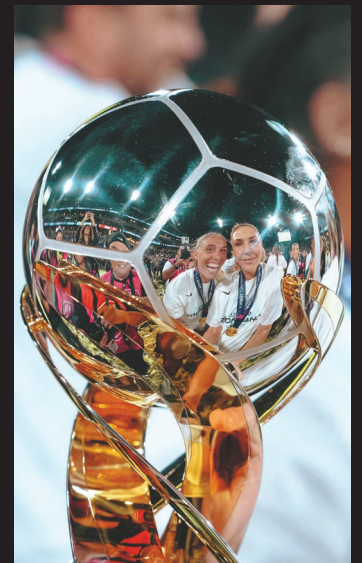
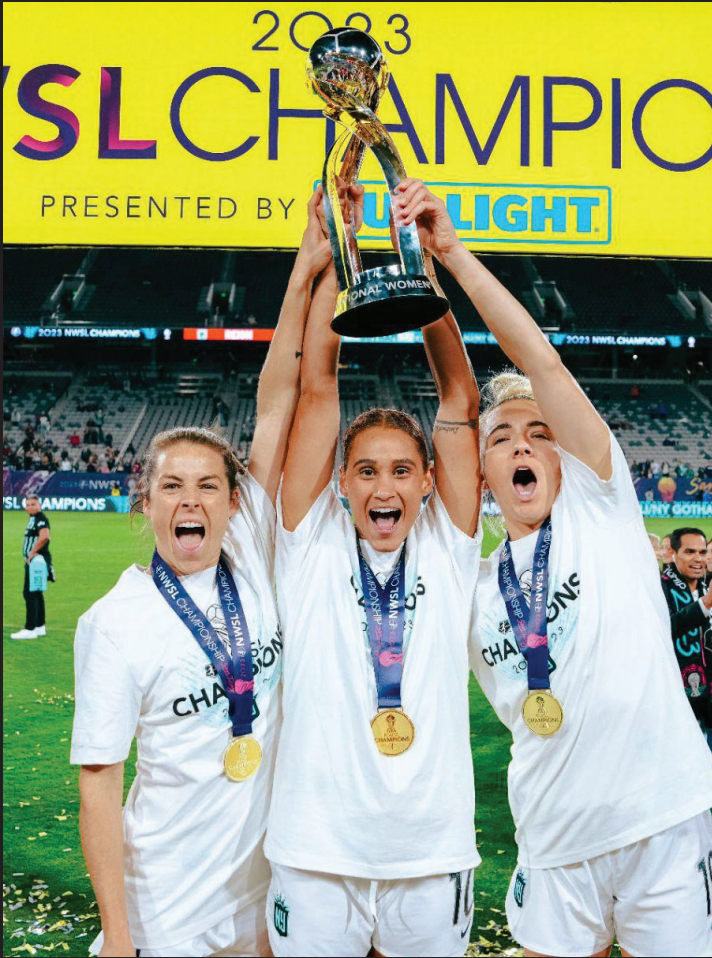
Representing New Jersey and New York, Gotham FC plays its home matches at Red Bull Arena in Harrison, New Jersey.

Founded in 2007, Gotham FC originally debuted as Jersey Sky Blue and played in the United Soccer League's W-League. Later that year, it was selected to represent the New Jersey/New York metropolitan area in the newly founded Women's Professional Soccer (WPS) League set to begin operations in 2009. The club rebranded as Sky Blue FC and won its first trophy in the inaugural WPS Championship in 2009.

Sky Blue FC was one of eight teams to join the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) in 2012 following the disbandment of the WPS. In April 2021, the club underwent a major rebrand and officially changed its name to NJ/NY Gotham FC. The name, logo, and colors were selected after extensive fan involvement and will guide the club into the future with bold international ambitions.

In the 2023 season, Gotham FC won its first NWSL Championship in club history, when it defeated OL Reign 2-1 in the final. With the win, the club completed the best turnaround season-to-season in NWSL history, as Gotham FC went from worst to league champions in a single season.

2023 NWSL CHAMPIONS



2024 CREST & COLORS



NJ NY GOTHAM FC

OUTLINE CREST

The crest contains several elements that celebrate the club's growth and past. It prominently features the Statue of Liberty's iconic crown sitting atop the crest. A national monument, the Lady in the Harbor was voted the most recognizable symbol of New Jersey and New York by fans. Her crown represents Gotham FC's ambitions to be an international club and provides a welcoming symbol for the team's diverse fanbase.

The crest center proudly displays three letters in sky blue coloring – an "N" and a hybrid "J/Y", which acknowledges New Jersey as the club's birthplace while embracing the club's growing New York reach.

WORDMARK

The official colors of the club are Sky Blue, Gotham Black, and Cloud White. The colors represent the team's history and prior identity, the club's new identity, and the longstanding foundation of the club's supporters group, Cloud 9.

2024 CREST & COLORS



PRIMARY



BLACK AND WHITE



INVERTED

SKY BLUE

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RGB: 169/241/245

CMYK: 29/0/8/0

PMS: 304C

GOTHAM BLACK

#000000

RGB: 255/255/255

CMYK: 100/100/100/100

PMS: BLACK

CLOUD WHITE

#FFFFFF

RGB: 0/0/0

CMYK: 0/0/0/0

PMS: WHITE

TECHNICAL STAFF

**General Manager**

Yael Averbuch West

Head Coach

Juan Carlos Amoros Lopez

Assistant Coach

Jennifer Lalor

Assistant Coach

Shaun Harris

Assistant Coach

Akash (Ak) Lakhani

Head of Tactical Analysis

Jesús Manuel Botello Hermosa

Goalkeeper Coach

Brody Sams

High Performance Director

Julian Haigh

**Head of Medical,
Physical Therapist**

Erin Morton

Head Sports Scientist

Phil Congleton

**Strength and
Conditioning Coach**

Adrián Benítez Jiménez

**Chief of Staff & Player
Safety Officer**

Saara Hassoun

Head Athletic Trainer

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YAEL AVERBUCH WEST

GENERAL MANAGER AND HEAD OF SOCCER OPERATIONS

An accomplished business leader and former member of the U.S. National Team and standout collegiate and professional player, Yael Averbuch was named interim General Manager and Head of Soccer Operations of Gotham FC in August 2021 and officially took over the position four months later. Under her leadership, Gotham FC won the 2023 NWSL Championship.

Born in New York City and raised in Montclair, N.J., Averbuch developed as a player in youth programs in her home state before reaching the first of her two goals in the game: play for the University of North Carolina.

In her time at UNC, the Tar Heels won national championships in 2006 and 2008. Averbuch set the school record by starting 105 consecutive games, and she scored the fastest goal to begin a game in women's college soccer history (four seconds, against Yale in 2006). Among several honors during her collegiate career, Averbuch was named ACC Offensive Player of the Year in 2006, ACC Scholar-Athlete of the Year for women's soccer in 2007, and was voted First Team All-America three times by the NSCAA coaches. Averbuch received the ultimate honor when North Carolina retired her No. 17 after her senior year.

Averbuch achieved her other childhood dream by earning 26 caps as a member of the U.S. National Team between 2007 – 2013. When she took the helm at Gotham FC in 2021, Averbuch became the first former women's national team player to be named general manager of an NWSL club.

Averbuch was selected by Sky Blue FC with the fourth overall pick in the 2009 WPS Draft and went on to help lead the club to the league championship that year. She won another WPS title with the Western NY Flash in 2011.

After two years playing in Russia and Sweden – which included competing in the UEFA Women's Champions League in 2012 – Averbuch played in the NWSL for five years between 2014 – 2018. This included an NWSL championship in 2015 during her three seasons with FC Kansas City, and one season each with the Washington Spirit and Seattle Reign.

While still playing in the NWSL, Averbuch began her career as an entrepreneur and business leader. In 2016, she launched Techne Futbol – an innovative app providing personal training for soccer players of all ages, experience and skill levels – and remains owner of the business today. In 2017, she founded the NWSL Players Association and served as the organization's first president and, later, its first executive director.

Now that she has come full circle as GM and Head of Soccer Operations for NJ/NY Gotham FC, Averbuch has returned to Montclair, where she lives with her husband and two children.



JUAN CARLOS AMORÓS

HEAD COACH

Juan Carlos Amorós was named Gotham FC head coach on Nov. 1, 2022. He led Gotham FC to win the 2023 NWSL Championship in his first season, and he was honored as NWSL Coach of the Year during that same campaign.

The 39-year-old Amorós joined Gotham FC on a three-year contract after he led the Houston Dash to a fourth-place finish and the team's first-ever NWSL playoff appearance while he was interim head coach in 2022.

Amorós brings a wealth of experience across global soccer to Gotham FC, having served as a head coach of clubs in the top leagues in Spain, England, and the U.S. Prior to his stint in Houston, Amorós was coach of Real Betis Féminas from 2021 – 22 and led them to a club-record unbeaten streak in Spain's top division.

Before Real Betis, Amorós enjoyed enormous success as a coach in England. Over five years, he helped lead Tottenham Hotspur FC Women from the third tier in England to the FA Women's Super League. In 2019, Tottenham was promoted to the Super League after finishing second in the second-division FA Women's Championship League. He earned Manager of the Year honors that season, and won the same honor while coaching Tottenham Hotspur in the third-division FA Women's National League.

In the 2022 NWSL season, Amorós began his tenure as interim head coach of the Houston Dash on July 16 with a 4–1 win over Chicago. He led Houston to a 6–3–2 record as the club earned the first playoff berth in its nine-year history.

Amorós holds a UEFA PRO license – the highest-level UEFA license attainable – and received a diploma in Football Management from the League Managers Association Institute of Leadership and High Performance. He has also participated in elite coaching courses with the Royal Spanish Football Federation, and in 2018 earned a Master of Business Administration from Autonomous University of Madrid.

TECHNICAL STAFF



JEN LALOR

ASSISTANT COACH

Jen Lalor joined Gotham FC in 2023. In addition to her duties as assistant coach, Lalor also will play an integral role for Gotham FC with the club's player development pipeline. Lalor won the bronze medal with the USWNT at the FIFA Women's World Cup in 1995 and played professionally in Japan, Denmark and Sweden. She also played in the first women's professional league in the U.S. (Women's United Soccer Association) with the New York Power and San Diego Spirit.

At Santa Clara University, Lalor was the first women's soccer player in school history to earn a full athletic scholarship and was later inducted into the SCU Athletic Hall of Fame.

Lalor has worked extensively at U.S. Soccer in the youth national team system as a coach, scout, technical advisor, and club development manager. As a head coach, she has led two teams to national championships: San Diego SeaLions of the WPSL in 2013 and Albion SC San Diego U16 in 2022.



SHAUN HARRIS

ASSISTANT COACH

Prior to joining the staff of Gotham FC in 2023, Shaun Harris spent the twelve seasons with Tottenham Hotspur, including years when Amorós was Head Coach of the women's team. As a senior member of the staff within the club's Global Football Development team, he traveled around the world to deliver coaching education and player development programs and help implement coaching curriculums within national football associations.

More recently, as lead technical coach, Harris played an integral role in helping Tottenham Hotspur Women reach fifth place in the table in 2021–22, its highest-ever finish in the Women's Super League.

TECHNICAL STAFF



AK LAKHANI

ASSISTANT COACH

Ak Lakhani joined Gotham FC in 2023 from the Jamaican Football Federation, where he was the head of United Kingdom recruitment for the Women's U17, U20 and Senior Women's national team. He was also the assistant coach of the Jamaican Women's National Team that advanced to the Round of 16 in the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup, and was assistant coach when the team won the bronze medal at the 2022 Concacaf Women's Championship in Mexico. Lakhani was part of Amorós' coaching staff during his successful tenure at Tottenham Hotspur Women's FC when the club earned back-to-back promotions. He has also worked at Tottenham Hotspur Academy and Leyton Orient Academy, and he was one of 150 coaches in the UK to be awarded a Medal from Prince William for "Outstanding Contribution to Football."



JESÚS BOTELLO HERMOSA

HEAD OF TACTICAL ANALYSIS

Jesús Botello Hermosa joined Gotham FC in 2023 after previously serving as an assistant coach with Real Betis, where his focus was on tactical analysis and designing of game strategies. It was during his time with Real Betis that he worked with Amorós as the club became a competitive force in LIGA F. Botello Hermosa has also served as head of tactical analysis for CD Ronda in Spain, was co-founder and a professor of Sports Management and Sports Scouting at the Royal Football Federation, and was a professor in High Performance in football as well as a coach educator for the Royal Spanish Federation. Botello Hermosa has worked in the broadcasting industry as a La Liga analyst for Mass Media and Real Betis TV, and he is an author of books on tactical analysis.



BRODY SAMS

GOALKEEPER COACH

Brody Sams joined Gotham FC as Goalkeeper Coach in February 2022. In this role, Sams works closely with goalkeepers Michelle Betos, Hensley Hancuff, Mandy Haught, and Abby Smith.

Prior to working in the U.S., the Australian native spent nine years coaching across all levels in Australia, primarily with the professional club Brisbane Roar. Sams has worked in both the women's and men's game, from youth to senior levels.

TECHNICAL STAFF



JULIAN HAIGH

HIGH PERFORMANCE DIRECTOR

Julian Haigh joined Gotham FC in October 2023 with more than 12 years of experience working with professional teams and athletes.

Among Haigh's responsibilities are developing organization-wide programming that includes nutrition, recovery, strength and conditioning, and mental conditioning in addition to overseeing the development of performance recommendations for travel, altitude, training, time zone adjustments, and regular physiological and biomechanical assessments.

Prior to joining the club, Haigh most recently served as the Director of Sports Science for Inter Miami CF in MLS. Haigh also has vast experience in the National Women's Soccer League and women's soccer. From November 2017 to December 2022, he served as Applied Sport Scientist for the U.S. Women's National Team and the NWSL. Additionally, Haigh worked as a High Performance Coach for the Boston Breakers in the NWSL from June 2016 to November 2017.

Before bringing his career to the United States, Haigh spent time in England's professional rugby Super League as the First Team Assistant and Head of Academy Sport Science and Strength and Conditioning for the Widnes Vikings from October 2011 to June 2016. He also worked as an Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach for Liverpool Ladies FC from February 2014 to February 2015, and Sports Science Intern at Everton FC from July 2011 to May 2012.

Haigh graduated from Liverpool John Moores University with a degree as well as a Master's in sports and exercise science, and he holds a USSF F Coaching License. Originally born in Boston, Mass., Haigh grew up in England.

ERIN MORTON

HEAD OF MEDICAL / PHYSICAL THERAPIST

Erin Morton, PT, DPT, Cert. DN, EMT joined Gotham FC in February 2022. A native of Connecticut, Morton returns to the Northeast after several stops on the west coast and the State of Georgia.

Morton spent one year as the Director of Sports Performance at the Millsaps Training Facility in Cairo, Georgia. Prior to that, she worked for PRISM Physical Therapy in Las Vegas after completing a clinical rotation at the UFC Performance Institute where she rehabbed UFC fighters, WNBA players, and Olympians. She also completed clinical rotations on Oahu, where she rehabbed elite college and high school athletes and military personnel, and in Salt Lake City where she gained experience working in an interdisciplinary team of healthcare professionals.

Morton received her Emergency Medical Technician certification during her junior year of high school and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in Health Sciences in three years from Quinnipiac University where she played NCAA Division I golf. She relocated to San Diego county to attend University of St. Augustine's Doctor of Physical Therapy program where she graduated with High Honors.



TECHNICAL STAFF



PHILLIP CONGLETON

HEAD OF SPORTS SCIENCE

Phillip Congleton has been with Gotham FC since 2020. Prior to joining the club, Congleton served as High Performance Coach for the women's soccer team at James Madison University while earning his Master of Science in Exercise Physiology. His duties included interpreting health analytics and video analysis to monitor players' physical performance during games and training sessions. Congleton used this data to implement training, return-to-play, injury prevention and recovery protocols designed to enhance player performance. He was also a Strength and Conditioning Coach for Mary Baldwin University Women's Soccer Team in 2017.



ADRIÁN BENÍTEZ JIMÉNEZ

STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING COACH

Prior to joining Gotham FC in 2023, Adrián Benítez Jiménez was Head of Performance for Real Betis in Spain's First Division women's league (Liga F) – where he worked with Amorós, a former head coach of Real Betis – and as rehabilitation coach at Real Betis Academy. Among his previous roles, Jiménez was a fitness coach and Academy strength and conditioning coach at Córdoba FC and Marcet Football Academy, and he has also worked with Girona, Real Betis' men's team, Atlético de Madrid Academy, the Argentinian Men's National Team, Basel FC, Granada FC, RCD Mallorca, and Cádiz FC.

2024 ROSTER NUMERICAL



NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	DOB	HOMETOWN	COLLEGE
1	Michelle Betos	GK	5'8"	Feb 20, 1988	Flushing, NY	University of Georgia
2	Jenna Nighswonger	D	5'3"	Nov 28, 2000	Huntington Beach, CA	Florida State University
3	Bruninha	D	5'3"	Jun 16, 2002	Castro, Paraná, Brazil	N/A
4	Abby Smith	GK	5'9"	Oct 4, 1993	Plano, TX	University of Texas
5	Kelley O'Hara	D	5'5"	Aug 4, 1988	Fayetteville, GA	Stanford
6	Emily Sonnett	M	5'7"	Nov 25, 1993	Marietta, GA	University of Virginia
7	McCall Zerboni	M	5'4"	Dec 13, 1986	San Clemente, CA	UCLA
8	Taryn Torres	M	5'6"	Apr 23, 1999	Frisco, TX	University of Virginia
9	Esther	F	5'3"	Dec 8, 1992	Huéscar, Spain	N/A
10	Lynn Williams	F	5'7"	May 21, 1993	Fresno, CA	Pepperdine University
12	Kristen Edmonds	D	5'5"	May 22, 1987	Metuchen, NJ	Rutgers University
13	Ella Stevens	F	5'8"	Dec 11, 1997	Grayson, GA	Duke University
14	Nealy Martin	M	5'7"	Apr 22, 1998	Birmingham, AL	The University of Alabama
15	Tierna Davidson	D	5'10"	Sep 19, 1998	Menlo Park, CA	Stanford University
16	Rose Lavelle	M	5'4"	May 14, 1995	Cincinnati, OH	University of Wisconsin
17	Delanie Sheehan	M	5'6"	Jan 13, 1999	Brentwood, CA	UCLA
18	Yazmeen Ryan	M	5'6"	Feb 25, 1999	Norman, OK	Texas Christian University
19	Crystal Dunn	F	5'1"	Jul 3, 1992	Rockville Centre, NY	University of North Carolina
21	Sam Hiatt	D	5'10"	Jan 6, 1998	Kirkland, WA	Stanford University
22	Mandy Freeman	D	5'5"	Mar 23, 1995	Royal Palm Beach, FL	University of Southern California
23	Midge Purce	F	5'4"	Sep 18, 1995	Silver Spring, MD	Harvard University
25	Maycee Bell	D	5'11"	Sep 18, 2000	Wichita, KS	University of North Carolina
28	Katie Stengel	F	5'9"	Feb 29, 1992	Melbourne, FL	Wake Forest University
33	Sinead Farrelly	M	5'5"	Nov 16, 1989	Havertown, PA	University of Virginia
38	Cassie Miller	GK	5'11"	Apr 28, 1995	Cave Creek, AZ	Florida State University
77	Maitane	D	5'9"	Mar 13, 1995	Águilas, Spain	N/A

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2024 ROSTER ALPHABETICAL



NO.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POS.	HT.	DOB	HOMETOWN	COLLEGE
3	—	Bruninha	D	5'3"	Jun 16, 2002	Castro, Paraná	N/A
9	—	Esther	F	5'3"	Dec 8, 1992	Huéscar, Spain	N/A
77	—	Maitane	D	5'9"	Mar 13, 1995	Águilas, Spain	N/A
25	Bell	Maycee	D	5'11"	Sep 18, 2000	Wichita, KS	University of North Carolina
1	Betos	Michelle	GK	5'8"	Feb 20, 1988	Flushing, NY	University of Georgia
15	Davidson	Tierna	D	5'10"	Sep 19, 1998	Menlo Park, CA	Stanford University
19	Dunn	Crystal	F	5'1"	Jul 3, 1992	Rockville Centre, NY	University of North Carolina
12	Edmonds	Kristen	D	5'5"	May 22, 1987	Metuchen, NJ	Rutgers University
33	Farrelly	Sinead	M	5'5"	Nov 16, 1989	Havertown, PA	University of Virginia
22	Freeman	Mandy	D	5'5"	Mar 23, 1995	Royal Palm Beach, FL	University of Southern California
21	Hiatt	Sam	D	5'10"	Jan 6, 1998	Kirkland, WA	Stanford University
16	Lavelle	Rose	M	5'4"	May 14, 1995	Cincinnati, OH	University of Wisconsin
14	Martin	Nealy	M	5'7"	Apr 22, 1998	Birmingham, AL	The University of Alabama
38	Miller	Cassie	GK	5'11"	Apr 28, 1995	Cave Creek, AZ	Florida State University
2	Nighswonger	Jenna	D	5'3"	Nov 28, 2000	Huntington Beach, CA	Florida State University
5	O'Hara	Kelley	D	5'5"	Aug 4, 1988	Fayetteville, GA	Stanford
23	Purce	Midge	F	5'4"	Sep 18, 1995	Silver Spring, MD	Harvard University
18	Ryan	Yazmeen	M	5'6"	Feb 25, 1999	Norman, OK	Texas Christian University
17	Sheehan	Delanie	M	5'6"	Jan 13, 1999	Brentwood, CA	UCLA
4	Smith	Abby	GK	5'9"	Oct 4, 1993	Plano, TX	University of Texas
6	Sonnett	Emily	M	5'7"	Nov 25, 1993	Marietta, GA	University of Virginia
28	Stengel	Katie	F	5'9"	Feb 29, 1992	Melbourne, FL	Wake Forest University
13	Stevens	Ella	F	5'8"	Dec 11, 1997	Grayson, GA	Duke University
8	Torres	Taryn	M	5'6"	Apr 23, 1999	Frisco, TX	University of Virginia
10	Williams	Lynn	F	5'7"	May 21, 1993	Fresno, CA	Pepperdine University
7	Zerboni	McCall	M	5'4"	Dec 13, 1986	San Clemente, CA	UCLA

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MICHELLE BETOS

Pronunciation

Position: Goalkeeper

Height: 5'8"

Jersey Number: 1

Date of Birth: February 20, 1988

Age: 36

Hometown: Flushing, NY

Country: USA

College: University of Georgia

How Acquired: Signed two-year contract (January 11, 2022)

Pronouns: she / her / hers

PROFESSIONAL

2022: Betos signed with Gotham FC in January 2022, and went on to start in all 14 of the matches she appeared in, making 60 saves throughout the season. **2021:** Betos wore the captain's armband in Racing Louisville FC's inaugural season where she appeared in 20 matches, logged a league-leading 95 saves and a 4-11-5 record. Betos earned NWSL Save of the Week honors twice, was named NWSL Player of the Week and was recognized on Team of the Month as well. She registered a season-high of 11 saves and earned a shutout in the club's first-ever win. **2018-20:** Betos appeared in 12 matches with OL Reign before being selected by Racing Louisville FC in the 2020 NWSL Expansion Draft. **2015-16:** In first full season with Portland, she had a standout campaign starting 14 matches. She became the first goalkeeper to score a goal in the NWSL and went on to earn the 2015 NWSL Goalkeeper of the Year honors. **2014:** Betos was traded to Portland Thorns FC in exchange for the thirty-fourth pick in the 2014 NWSL College Draft. **2013:** She made seven appearances with Seattle Reign FC before being traded to Portland in 2014. **2012:** Betos signed with the New York Fury in the Women's Premier Soccer League Elite for the 2012 season. She went on to sign with Apollon Limassol in the UEFA Women's Champions League for the 2012-2013 season. She made five appearances for the team, totaling 450 minutes. **2011:** Betos signed with Boston Aztec, a part of the Women's Premier Soccer League. **2010:** Betos signed with Club Atlético River Plate Women for their 2010 season. **2009:** Betos began her professional career with Atlanta Silverbacks in the W-League and was the 2009 W-League Goalkeeper of the Year.

COLLEGE

Betos played for the University of Georgia from 2006-09. She had 49 wins, which is still tied for the most in school history. She ended her collegiate career with 316 saves and 26 shutouts, ranking her third all-time for saves and second in shutouts at Georgia. She was named the team's Defensive Most Valuable Player and named to the SEC All-Freshman Team.

#1 GOALKEEPER



CASSIE MILLER

Pronunciation

Position: Goalkeeper

Height: 5'11"

Jersey Number: 38

Date of Birth: April 28, 1995

Age: 28

Hometown: Cave Creek, AZ

Country: USA

College: Florida State University

How Acquired: Trade with Kansas City
Current in January 2024

Pronouns: she / her / hers

PROFESSIONAL

2023: Miller started and appeared in 10 matches, recording 900 minutes, four shutouts, and a 1.30 goal against average. In last year's Challenge Cup, she started two games and recorded shutouts in both games. The goalkeeper led the club in shutouts for all competitions with six shutouts. **2021:** Played 18 games for Chicago and led the team to the 2021 NWSL Championship game. Only allowed 16 goals and made 50 saves. Miller was the first goalkeeper in the NWSL to record two shutouts in her first two playoff appearances en route to the 2021 NWSL Championship match. She also led Chicago in shutouts in all competitions with seven in the 2021 season. **2020:** Played in one match for Chicago in the 2020 NWSL Challenge Cup, earning a clean sheet vs Portland on 7/1... went on loan to Cyprus club Apollon Ladies FC. **2019:** Signed a contract with Cyprus club Apollon Ladies FC in 2019. **2018:** Began her career with Dutch giants PSV Eindhoven... finished as runners up in the KNVB Women's Cup.

COLLEGE

2011-14: Miller played at Florida State University from 2013-17. Finished with a total of 48 career shutouts, the third-most by a goalkeeper in NCAA history... named an NCSAA First-Team All-American in 2016 and was named a finalist for the Honda Award, awarded to the nation's top collegiate female athletes, the same year.

#38 GOALKEEPER



ABBY SMITH

Pronunciation

Position: Goalkeeper

Height: 5'9"

Jersey Number: 4

Date of Birth: October 4, 1993

Age: 30

Hometown: Plano, TX

Country: USA

College: University of Texas

How Acquired: Signed three-year contract (November 28, 2022)

Pronouns: she / her / hers

PROFESSIONAL

2023: Smith appeared and started in 15 matches in the 2023 regular season, recording 44 saves and a save percentage of 74.6%. She helped Gotham FC to a sixth-place finish in the table, which eventually led to winning the 2023 NWSL Championship – her second straight league title. She also earned Save of the Week honors for Weeks 4, 5, 10, 14, and 15. Her season was cut short when she suffered a season ending injury. **2022:** Smith was a member of the NWSL championship team, the Portland Thorns. She earned her first regular season start with the Thorns against North Carolina on Aug. 24. 2022. Made her Thorns FC debut, logging seven saves and a shutout against San Diego on March 26. **2021:** Smith helped KC Current win their first match and recorded a shutout against OL Reign. She appeared in six matches and made six starts for KC Current. Smith was traded to Portland Thorns in August 2021, making her a 2021 Women's International Cup Champion, and a 2021 NWSL Shield recipient. **2019:** Smith joined Western Sydney Wanderers FC in Australia on loan from Utah for the 2019-2020 Westfield W-League season. She made nine appearances with the team. **2018:** Acquired by Utah Royals FC in the NWSL Dispersal Draft where she started in 17 matches and played a total of 1,512 minutes. Smith registered six shutouts and caught 31 saves with a 1.0 goals against average. She was selected for NWSL Team of the Month in May. **2017:** After returning from injury, Smith appeared in 19 matches with the Boston Breakers and finished fifth in the league for saves per shot (73%), recording 86 saves. **2016:** Smith was selected in the third round of 2016 NWSL College Draft by the Boston Breakers. She appeared in two matches before suffering a season-ending knee injury.

COLLEGE

2012-15: Smith played at the University of Texas, where she made 60 appearances and scored three goals. She set a record for a Texas rookie with the lowest goals-against average at 0.63 and tied the school record for shutouts by a freshman with seven during her first year. She tied the school record for the most shutouts in a single season with nine. She ranked first in the Big 12 Conference for 0.92 goals-against average and 98 saves during her junior year and again in her senior year for total saves with 96 and saves-per-match with 5.33. She was named Big 12 Conference Defensive Player of the Week, ESPNW Player of the Week and the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week twice. Her 30th career shutout set a new school career shutout record.

INTERNATIONAL

Smith has represented the United States on the U-17, U-20, U-23 and senior national teams. In 2017, she was called up to the U.S. National Team for friendlies against Sweden and Norway.

PERSONAL

In 2023, Smith was one of four finalists for the Community Impact Award presented by Nationwide for her work with Playworks. Playworks New York/New Jersey serves low-income schools across the area through year-round, on-site support services. Each of the 12 NWSL Clubs partnered with Nationwide to select one season-long community partner in 2023.

#4 GOALKEEPER



MAYCEE BELL

Pronunciation May-c Bell

Position: Defender

Height: 5'11"

Jersey Number: 25

Date of Birth: September 18, 2000

Age: 23

Hometown: Wichita, KS

Country: USA

College: University of North Carolina

How Acquired: 15th overall pick in 2024 NWSL Draft; Signed through 2026 on February 14, 2024

Pronouns: she / her / hers

PROFESSIONAL

2024: Marks Bell's first professional season.

COLLEGE

2019-23: Bell played at the University of North Carolina, where was regarded as one of the top collegiate defensive players since starting every match of her freshman season in 2019. Over the course of her Tarheel career, she earned four ACC Defensive Player of the Week honors and was named the ACC's Freshman of the Year. She also appeared in two NCAA College Cup Finals in the four seasons she played.

#25 DEFENDER



BRUNA SANTOS NHAIA

BRUNINHA

Pronunciation: brew-NEEN-yuh

Position: Defender

Height: 5'3"

Jersey Number: 3

Date of Birth: June 16, 2002

Age: 21

Hometown: Castro, Paraná

Country: Brazil

College: N/A

How Acquired: Gotham FC acquired her rights in August 2022

Pronouns: she / her / hers

HONORS

2022: Bola de Prata

PROFESSIONAL

2023: Bruninha started in 16 games and appeared in 17 as well as starting every playoff game en route to the team's 2023 NWSL Championship. **2021-22:** Bruninha appeared in 24 matches with Santos Futebol Clube where she scored one goal and won the "Bola de Prata" (Silver Ball). She made her NWSL debut for 25 minutes during the final match of the season (October 1) against Portland Thorns. **2020:** She appeared in six matches with Sport Club Internacional, scoring one goal.

INTERNATIONAL

2023: Bruninha has made a total of three appearances thus far with the Brazil Women's National Team, two of which were during the 2023 SheBelieves Cup, where she had one assist. **2022:** More recently, Bruninha became the Campeonato Sudamericano Femenino Sub-20 champion 2022 (South American Under-20 Women's Football Champion). Brazil won all of their tournament matches without conceding a goal. **2019:** Bruninha represented the Brazil Women's Youth National Team at the U-20 levels and captained her country at the U-20 World Cup. She made 15 appearances this season, scoring one goal. **2018:** Bruninha represented the Brazil Women's Youth National Team at the U-17 level, making three appearances.

#3 DEFENDER



TIERNA DAVIDSON

Pronunciation: Tier-NUH

Position: Defender

Height: 5'10"

Jersey Number: 15

Date of Birth: September 19, 1998

Age: 25

Hometown: Menlo Park, CA

Country: USA

College: Stanford University

How Acquired: Signed with Gotham FC as a free agent in January 2024

Pronouns: she / her / hers

HONORS

2018 U.S. Young Soccer Female Player of the Year

PROFESSIONAL

2022: Davidson played and started in 18 matches, recording 1,612 minutes. **2021:** Started in 20 games, playing 1,785 minutes for Chicago. Led Chicago to another finals appearance. **2020:** Played in three matches for Chicago across the NWSL Challenge Cup and Fall Series, playing 144 minutes. **2019:** Selected as first overall in the 2019 NWSL Draft by Chicago. Appeared and started in 14 games, playing a total of 1,174 minutes and scored one goal. Led Chicago to a NWSL Championship appearance in her first season.

COLLEGE

2016-18: In her sophomore season, Davidson was a Mac Hermann Trophy semifinalist and helped lead Stanford to the national championship, starting all 25 games. Earned College Cup Most Outstanding Defensive Player, College Cup All-Tournament team, Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year, All-Pac-12 first team, All-Pacific Region first team, and All-America first-team honors. As a freshman, she earned Pac-12 All-Freshman and All-Pac 12 second-team honors and was one of five players to start every game.

INTERNATIONAL

2023: Started in two of the three matches she appeared in. **2022:** Davidson started in two matches and appeared in three, while recording 206 minutes for the stars and stripes. **2021:** Started in 4 games, playing in 5 games for the WNT at the 2020 Olympics and earned a Bronze Medal. **2019:** Played in five matches, earning 268 minutes en route to winning the FIFA World Cup. **2018:** Named U.S. Soccer Young Female Player of the Year and earned her first senior cap January 21, 2018, in a friendly against Denmark. Davidson played and started in 12 games for the USWNT, including all three matches of the She Believes Cup. Additionally, she scored her first goal in a 3-0 win against Chile on August 31.

#15 DEFENDER



KRISTEN EDMONDS

Pronunciation

Position: Defender

Height: 5'5"

Jersey Number: 12

Date of Birth: May 22, 1987

Age: 36

Hometown: Metuchen, NJ

Country: USA

College: Rutgers University

How acquired: Signed two-year contract as free agent on December 1, 2022

Pronouns: she / her / hers

PROFESSIONAL

2023: Edmonds started in 12 of the 14 games she appeared in the regular season, logging 1,038 minutes. She recorded an assist in a 2-2 draw versus the Kansas City Current on Oct. 15. Additionally, Edmonds became the 22nd player in NWSL history to appear in 175 games in all competitions with her start against the Houston Dash on Oct. 1. She also appeared in the quarterfinals and the semifinals of the 2023 NWSL Playoffs, where helped the club to its first NWSL Championship.

2021-22: Edmonds was traded to Kansas City Current in 2021. During her first season with the team, Edmonds led the team in starts (21) and minutes played (1,721) and served as captain for six matches. Edmonds started 44 matches over the last two seasons for Kansas City, including all three playoff matches in the Current's run to the NWSL Final in 2022.

2016-20: Edmonds played five seasons with the Orlando Pride. She scored 10 goals in her 72 appearances. During her first season with the club, she led Orlando in both scoring and assists, with six goals and two assists. She was also named NWSL Player of the Week during her first season in Orlando. **2014-15:** Edmonds started her NWSL career with the Western New York Flash, making 29 starts in 31 appearances over two seasons. **2012-13:** She played for WFC Rossiyanka of the Russian Premier League, competing with the club in the UEFA Women's Champions League. 2011: Edmonds began her professional career in Iceland, leading Stjarnin to the league title and the Icelandic Women's Cup Championship in 2011.

COLLEGE

2005-08: Edmonds played collegiately at Rutgers University. In her freshman year, she became the first rookie to lead the Rutgers Scarlet Knights in scoring since Carli Lloyd, with six goals and six assists. She was named to the SoccerBuzz All-Region Freshman First Team As a senior, she started all 22 matches, scoring five goals and adding six assists.

INTERNATIONAL

2016: Edmonds was called up to United States women's national soccer team training camp.

#12 DEFENDER



MANDY FREEMAN

Pronunciation

Position: Defender

Height: 5'5"

Jersey Number: 22

Date of Birth: March 23, 1995

Age: 28

Hometown: Royal Palm Beach, FL

Country: USA

College: University of Southern California

How acquired: 10th overall pick, 2017 NWSL Draft; signed new two-year contract in November 2022

Pronouns: she / her / hers

PROFESSIONAL

2023: Freeman appeared in 10 matches and recorded six starts. She helped the team that drafted her to its first 2023 NWSL Championship title. **2022:** Freeman appeared in 17 matches with 16 starts during the 2022 season. **2021:** Throughout the regular season she played in 11 matches, making eight starts. During these matches she posted 31 clearances and had an 85.7% passing rate. Throughout her four appearances in the 2021 NWSL Challenge Cup she totaled 20 clearances, five blocks, and four interceptions. **2020:** Freeman created nine clearances, three blocks and three interceptions in her four appearances for the 2020 NWSL Fall Series. **2019:** Freeman made no appearances this season due to injury. **2018:** Throughout her 21 appearances Freeman totaled 65 clearances, 15 blocks and 40 interceptions. **2017:** Freeman was selected Number 10 overall pick in 2017 NWSL College Draft. She made her NWSL debut this season with 21 appearances. During these matches she made one assist, had 71 clearances, 14 blocks and 42 interceptions.

COLLEGE

2013-16: Freeman played for University of Southern California, where she made 69 appearances, with 67 starts, scoring two goals and adding nine assists. In 2016, she was a NCAA Champion and named Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year. Freeman was also named to the 2015 NSCAA All-Pacific Region Second Team and was a Three-time Pac-12 selection.

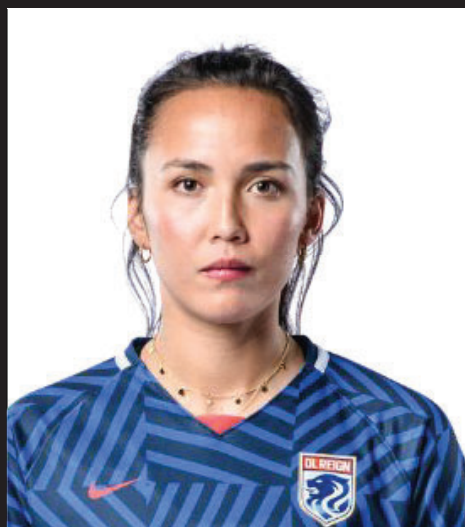
INTERNATIONAL

Freeman represented the United States on the U-23, U-20, and U-17 Women's National Teams. She was a member of the U-17 World Cup Qualifying team.

PERSONAL

Known for her game day outfits, Freeman loves to thrift shop and has a great passion for fashion.

#22 DEFENDER



SAM HIATT

Pronunciation: High-AT

Position: Defender

Height: 5'10"

Jersey Number: 21

Date of Birth: January 6, 1998

Age: 26

Hometown: Kirkland, WA

Country: USA

College: Stanford University

How Acquired: Trade with Seattle Reign and Racing Louisville on January 24, 2024

Pronouns: she / her / hers

PROFESSIONAL

2023: Hiatt started and played in 16 matches for OL Reign, recording 1,390 minutes. Additionally, she recorded a 81.3% passing completion rate, 48 tackles, and 49 blocks. **2022:** Started in all 19 games played for a total of 1,710 minutes, which was tied for the second-most minutes by a Reign player...Finished with a team-leading 81 clearances, the 10th-most in the league...Added 628 successful passes and 58 duels won. **2021:** Made her first-ever start in the NWSL regular season against the North Carolina Courage (6/19/21). Totaled 369 successful passes, 36 clearances, 28 duels won, 11 interceptions and 10 blocks in 731 minutes played. **2021:** Returned to the Courage where she started and played in 17 matches, recording 1,484 minutes, seven goals, and two assists.

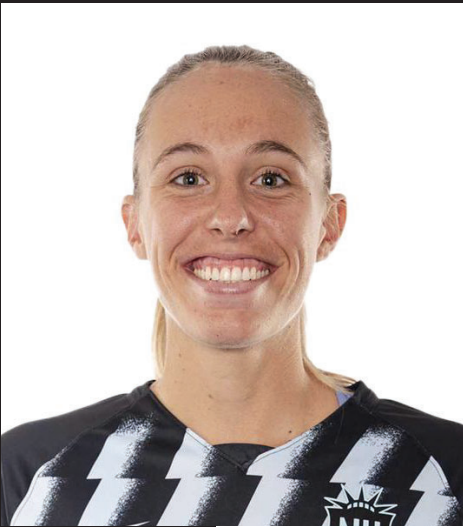
COLLEGE

2017-19: Hiatt played at Stanford from 2017-19. She is a two-time NCAA Champion (2017, 2019), three-time Pac-12 Champion (2017-2019). Additionally, she has three College Cup appearances (2017-19). She was the team captain in 2019 as a senior. Made 53 appearances and 48 starts, recording two goals and nine assists over three seasons.

INTERNATIONAL

2018: U20 Women's National Team Captain for the U20 FIFA Women's World Cup.

#21 DEFENDER



MAITANE

Pronunciation: MY-TAWN-AY (like Mai-Tai)

Position: Midfielder

Height: 5'11"

Jersey Number: 77

Date of Birth: March 13, 1995

Age: 28

Hometown: Mallorca

Country: Spain

College: N/A

How Acquired: Signed through 2024, with an option of 2025 on July 7, 2023

Pronouns: she / her / hers

PROFESSIONAL

2023: Maitane started seven of the eight matches she appeared in for Gotham FC, recording 640 minutes and a 80.4% pass completion rate. She started all playoff games en route to the 2023 NWSL Championship. **2022:** Played and started in 23 games for Atletico Madrid, recording 1,998 minutes and a 78.3% pass completion rate.

INTERNATIONAL

López was a part of Spain's first ever victory over the U.S. Women's National Team. She became a U-17 European Champion and led the U-19s to a runner-up finish in the Euros.

#77 DEFENDER



JENNA

NIGHSWONGER

Pronunciation

Position: Defender

Height: 5'3"

Jersey Number: 2

Date of Birth: November 28, 2000

Age: 23

Hometown: Huntington Beach, CA

Country: USA

College: Florida State University

How acquired: Signed three-year contract (March 2023); selected in the 2023 NWSL Draft with the fourth overall pick

Pronouns: she / her / hers

HONORS

2023: NWSL Rookie of the Year, NWSL Best XI Second Team

PROFESSIONAL

2023: The rookie sensation played more minutes than any other rookie (1,536) in the regular season. She also provided seven goal contributions across all competitions, which ties for most among league rookies this year. Additionally, she notched 35 tackles, which was the most on Gotham FC, most among rookies, and third among defenders across the league. Throughout the regular season, Nighswonger earned six NWSL awards, which was the most by a rookie in 2023. She was named NWSL Rookie of the Month twice (May, June), named to the NWSL Best XI of the Month presented by Mastercard three times (May, July, August), and earned UKG NWSL Challenge Cup Best XI All-Tournament Team (September).

COLLEGE

2019-22: Nighswonger played at Florida State University, where she scored 19 goals and made 34 assists in 86 total appearances in her collegiate career. In 2022, Nighswonger was one of three finalists for the MAC Hermann Award as the top player in women's college soccer. She was named ACC Tournament MVP and was also honored by the United Soccer Coaches and College Soccer News as a First Team All-American. Her 34 career assists with the Seminoles place Nighswonger second all-time in the school's record books.

INTERNATIONAL

2023: Nighswonger made her USWNT debut on Dec. 2, 2023 in a 3-0 win against China PR. Since then, Nighswonger has made six appearances and has scored twice.

#2 DEFENDER



KELLEY O'HARA

Pronunciation

Position: Defender

Height: 5'5"

Jersey Number: 5

Date of Birth: August 4, 1988

Age: 35

Hometown: Fayetteville, GA

Country: USA

College: Stanford

How acquired: Signed as a free agent to a two-year contract (Jan. 2023)

Pronouns: she / her / hers

HONORS

2019 NWSL Best XI, 2019 FIFA FIFPro World XI

PROFESSIONAL

2023: O'Hara appeared in 13 regular-season games and started eight, while recording six blocks and winning 35 duels. She appeared in the quarterfinal and semifinal en route to the 2023 NWSL Championship. She was also a part of the team's leadership team. **2022:** O'Hara appeared in seven matches and had one assist for Washington. **2021:** During her first season with Washington Spirit, O'Hara started in 15 out of the 17 matches she appeared in, playing a total of 1,410 minutes. She had a 81.1 percent passing accuracy in the defensive half of the field and scored the match-winning goal in extra time of the 2021 NWSL Championship match. O'Hara reached 100 caps in the NWSL this season. **2020:** While playing with Utah in 2020, she appeared in two matches for a total playing time of 64 minutes. **2019:** O'Hara played in four matches with Utah, totaling 242 minutes in two starts. She was named to the 2019 NWSL Best XI first team. **2018:** In 2018 O'Hara played in eight matches with Utah Royals, totaling 517 minutes in her seven starts, and scoring one goal. **2017:** She appeared in 18 matches with Sky Blue FC, made three assists and scored four goals. O'Hara ranked first in the league in touches per 90 minutes, coming in at 80 touches. **2016:** She appeared in 12 matches, made two assists and scored one goal. **2015:** In 2015 O'Hara tied for second in NWSL league assists (7). She appeared in 11 matches for Sky Blue FC, scoring three goals. She ended the season in fourth place on the all-time NWSL assists list with 13 and eight all-time in shots with 125. **2014:** O'Hara made 22 appearances and scored 7 goals during Sky Blue's 2014 season. **2013:** She joined Sky Blue FC in the new NWSL, making 12 appearances during her first season. **2012:** O'Hara signed with the WPS Atlanta Beat. However, the league folded prior to their 2012 season kick off. **2010-11:** O'Hara was drafted third overall by San Francisco's FC Gold Pride at the 2010 WPS Draft. Here O'Hara won the WPS Championship. O'Hara was later signed by the WPS Boston Breakers, also a part of the WPS. Over her two seasons in the WPS, O'Hara was playing as a midfielder and made 32 appearances and scored a total of 10 goals.

COLLEGE

2006-09: For Stanford, she made 87 appearances, scoring 57 goals and making 32 assists throughout her collegiate career. She went into her freshman year as a two-time Parade All-American. As a senior, O'Hara had one of the best seasons in Division I history after she scored 26 goals and made 13 assists. Both her goals (57) and assists (32) broke school records at the time. After being on the MAC Hermann Trophy watch list for three consecutive seasons, O'Hara was awarded the 2009 Hermann Trophy.

INTERNATIONAL

2023: O'Hara was named to the 2023 USWNT World Cup roster and appeared in three games. She played in four total games for the USWNT in 2023. **2019:** O'Hara played in five out of seven matches through the 2019 FIFA World Cup, making two assists during these matches. She went on to win her second world cup. 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup champion. **2015:** 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup champion. O'Hara also scored her first career international goal during the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup semi-final match. **2012:** O'Hara made her debut as a defender during the 2012 CONCACAF Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournament, registering three assists. After qualifying for the 2012 Summer Olympics, O'Hara played in every minute of the United States' run to victory, making her one of three American players to do so. 2012 Olympic gold medal winner. **2011:** She earned one cap during the 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup during the final group stage. The USA won a silver medal during this tournament. **2010:** O'Hara attended USWNT training camp leading up to the 2010 Algarve Cup. She later earned her first senior cap in March. **2009:** Earned her first call up to the USWNT training camp. **2008:** As a member of the USA U-20 squad, O'Hara played in the Four Nations Tournament. She also played in the 2008 CONCACAF Women's U-20 Championship, which marked her last appearance with the U-20 squad. She scored a total of 24 goals in her 35 U-20 caps, the third-most ever for a U.S. player in the U-20 age group. **2007:** O'Hara participated at the 2007 U-20 Pan American matches. She scored four goals throughout the tournament. **2006:** O'Hara and the U-20 squad came in fourth place during the 2006 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup. She scored two goals during the tournament.

#5 DEFENDER



SINEAD FARRELLY

Pronunciation: SHIH-NAYD FAR-EL-EE

Position: Midfielder

Height: 5'5"

Jersey Number: 33

Date of Birth: November 16, 1989

Age: 34

Hometown: Havertown, PA

Country: USA

College: University of Virginia

How acquired: Signed one-year contract on January 31, 2024

Pronouns: she / her / hers

PROFESSIONAL

2023: After eight years away from the sport, Farrelly made a spectacular return in 2023. She appeared in 18 matches and started in seven, recording 817 minutes and one assist. **2016:** Farrelly was traded from Portland Thorns FC to Boston Breakers. Farrelly sat out for the season due to injuries sustained in a car accident. In October of this year, Seattle Reign FC selected Farrelly off the NWSL Re-Entry Wire. She went on to announce her retirement in December of the same year.

2014-15: Farrelly was traded to Portland Thorns FC. During her two seasons with the club, she made 36 appearances and scored two goals. **2013-14:** To wrap up the 2013 season, Farrelly rejoined Apollon Limassol on loan from FC Kansas City. She made 10 appearances here. Farrelly signed with FC Kansas City, making 16 appearances and scoring one goal during the inaugural season of the NWSL. **2012-13:** She went overseas to play with Apollon Limassol from 2012-13. She made five starts in her five appearances with the UEFA Women's Champions League club. She also scored six goals during this stint.

2012: Farrelly signed with the New York Fury, a part of the WPSL Elite. **2011:** Farrelly was the number two overall pick in the 2011 WPS Draft by the Philadelphia Independence. With this club, she scored one goal and had two assists in her 14 appearances.

COLLEGE

2007-10: Farrelly played for the University of Virginia. During all four years with the team, she started in every match. During her freshman and sophomore year she was ranked third on the team with five goals. She made four assists during her freshman year, and three as a sophomore. As a junior, she led the team in scoring with eight goals and an equal number of assists. As a senior, Farrelly led the Cavaliers with 12 goals and seven assists. This year she was named the University of Virginia's top female athlete of 2010-11. Farrelly ranks eighth in University of Virginia history with 84 points scored in her career and eighth for most in a season with 31. Over her four years, Farrelly was named to the Second Team NSCAA for both All-Mid-Atlantic and two time All-American. She was named to the ACC All-Tournament Team and NSCAA and Soccer Buzz All Mid-Atlantic Region. and was a MAC Hermann Trophy semifinalist. She was named Top Drawer Soccer Co-National Rookie of the Year and ACC Offensive Player of the Year. She earned four straight All-ACC selections and was a MAC Hermann Trophy semifinalist twice.

INTERNATIONAL

2023: Farrelly represented Ireland at the 2023 Women's World Cup. Farrelly has represented the United States at the U-15, U-16, U-17, U-20, and U-23 levels.

#33 MIDFIELDER



ROSE LAVELLE

Pronunciation: ROSE LUH-VELL

Position: Midfielder

Height: 5'4"

Jersey Number: 16

Date of Birth: May 14, 1995

Age: 28

Hometown: Cincinnati, OH

Country: USA

College: University of Wisconsin

How acquired: Signed as a free agent through 2026 on January 2, 2024

Pronouns: she / her / hers

PROFESSIONAL

2023: After returning from injury, she appeared in seven matches and started in six across all competitions in 2023, recording one goal and two assists. The midfielder also helped OL Reign advance to the 2023 NWSL Championship match after she assisted the game-winning goal in the semifinals. Lavelle and scored OL Reign's only goal in the final the final. **2022:** With OL Reign, achieved single-season career highs in appearances (17), minutes played (1,480), goals (five), shots (48), making her an NWSL Second XI selection...Led the team in shots and finished third on the team in goals...Recorded the XX-most shots in the league...Was named to the NWSL Best XI of the Month twice (May and September/October). **2021:** Appeared in 11 games, starting in all of them...Made her Reign debut on May 30 (vs. Washington)..Finished with one goal, one assist and 29 shots. **2019:** With the Washington Spirit, named to the NWSL Best XI for the first time in her career after appearing in six games (five starts) for 450 total minutes, scoring one goal on nine shots. **2018:** Made five starts in 11 games played for 424 total minutes. Tallied six shots. **2017:** Drafted as the first overall pick in the 2017 NWSL Draft. Started in eight of 10 games played, recording two goals from seven shots and one assist.

COLLEGE

2013-16: Lavelle played collegiately at the University of Wisconsin, where she started in 61 of 62 games played for the Badgers, recording 19 goals, 14 assists and 231 shots...As a senior in 2016, was ranked as the No. 1 player in the country by Top Drawer Soccer...An NSCAA First Team All-American selection as a junior (2015)...Named Big Ten Midfielder of the Year in consecutive years (2015-16)...Named Big Ten Freshman of the Year (2013)...Was a First Team All-Big Ten selection all four years for the Badgers

INTERNATIONAL

2023: Won the 2019 FIFA World Cup with the USWNT in 2019 and earned bronze during the 2020 Olympics...Has 87 caps, 24 goals and 20 assists for the USWNT...Called up to training camp with the U.S. U-23 WNT in Charlottesville, Virginia, in May 2016...Awarded the Golden Ball at the 2014 CONCACAF Women's Under-20 Championship, given to tournament's top player...Finalist for 2014 U.S. Soccer Young Female Athlete of the Year...Helped lead the U.S. U-23 Women's National Team to win the 2015 Four Nations Tournament in Norway, as she recorded one assist in each of the three games and added one goal to her tournament tally in the finale vs. England...Named to the U.S. U-20 Women's World Cup Team...Earned her first international goal at the U-20 level against China in the 2014 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup...One of 24 collegiate players called to U-23 USWNT training camp in Lakewood Ranch, Florida (4/20)...Trained with the U-18 USWNT in 2013.

#16 MIDFIELDER



NEALY MARTIN

Pronunciation

Position: Midfielder

Height: 5'7"

Jersey Number: 14

Date of Birth: April 22, 1998

Age: 25

Hometown: Birmingham, AL

Country: USA

College: The University of Alabama

How acquired: Signed with the club through 2026 in Sept. 2023

Pronouns: she / her / hers

PROFESSIONAL

2023: Martin started in 13 of the 15 matches she appeared in. The midfielder won 85% of her tackles, which was second among players who attempted at least 20 tackles. She also became the first field player to play in goal in a playoff game in NWSL history. Martin started all playoff games en route to the 2023 NWSL championship. **2022:** Martin made 11 appearances, including eight starts, in her second year with Racing. **2021:** Martin signed with Racing Louisville after initially emerging from an open tryout ahead of the club's inaugural season. She went on to make 18 appearances, including 13 starts.

COLLEGE

2016-19: Martin played for the University of Alabama, playing in 76 matches and scoring five goals throughout her collegiate career. She served as captain of the team during her junior and senior years. Over her four-season collegiate career, Martin was named SEC Co-Scholar Athlete of the Year, to the CoSIDA Academic All-American First Team and to the SEC Community Service Team.

#14 MIDFIELDER



YAZMEEN RYAN

Pronunciation

Position: Midfield

Height: 5'6"

Jersey Number: 18

Date of Birth: February 25, 1999

Age: 25

Hometown: Norman, OK

Country: USA

College: Texas Christian University

How acquired: Trade with Angel City FC (01/05/23)

Pronouns: she / her / hers

PROFESSIONAL

2023: Ryan appeared in 21 games with 17 starts in the regular season, notching a goal and an assist. In the 2023 NWSL Playoffs, the midfielder started every match and recorded her first playoff goal in the quarterfinals against the North Carolina Courage. **2022:** In 18 appearances she scored two goals and had five assists. Won the 2022 NWSL Championship. **2021:** Ryan was drafted with the No. 6 overall pick by the Portland Thorns in the 2021 NWSL Draft. She appeared in 10 matches. She is a 2021 Women's International Champions Cup Champion and 2021 NWSL Shield winner.

COLLEGE

2017-2021: Ryan played for Texas Christian University, where she scored 23 goals and made an equal number of assists in her 75 match appearances throughout her collegiate career. Ryan was named to A Big 12 All-Freshman Team, Big 12 All-Tournament Team, 1st-Team All-Midwest Region twice and 1st-Team All-Big 12 three times.

PERSONAL

In just her third professional season, midfielder Yazmeen Ryan helped Gotham FC to its first NWSL Championship and her second straight championship title. Ryan won the title with the Portland Thorns in 2022 and helped Gotham FC to its first NWSL final appearance and championship in her first season with the club. In the 2023 NWSL Playoffs, the midfielder started every match and recorded her first playoff goal in the quarterfinals against the North Carolina Courage. Additionally, Ryan also helped the Thorns to winning the Shield in 2021.

#18 MIDFIELDER



DELANIE SHEEHAN

Pronunciation

Position: Midfielder

Height: 5'6"

Jersey Number: 17

Date of Birth: January 13, 1999

Age: 25

Hometown: Brentwood, CA

Country: USA

College: UCLA

How acquired: drafted 33rd overall in 2021 NWSL Draft; signed through 2024, with an option for 2025 on February 2, 2024

Pronouns: she / her / hers

PROFESSIONAL

2023: Sheehan started in 15 of the 18 games she played in, recording 1,234 minutes and two assists. She scored her first professional goal in the quarterfinals of the 2023 NWSL Playoffs en route to the 2023 NWSL Championship. **2022:** Sheehan made 10 appearances with one start with Gotham FC. She also scored one goal. **2021:** Sheehan was selected as Number 33 overall pick in the 2021 NWSL Draft by Gotham FC. She appeared in five games through the 2021 season, starting in two. She made her first assist as a professional with the club. In September, she was loaned to Paris FC for the remainder of 2021, where she made five appearances with the club.

COLLEGE

2017-21: Sheehan played for UCLA, where she scored 15 goals and had 18 assists in 86 total appearances throughout her collegiate career. She was named First-team United Soccer Coaches All-American and All-Region selection in 2020... MAC Hermann Trophy semifinalist and Pac-12 Midfielder of the Year as senior... First-team All-Pac-12 honoree in 2020... Finalist for the Senior CLASS Award... Senior CLASS Award All-America First Team ... Named to the Top-Drawer Soccer Best XI Second Team... Earned United Soccer Coaches Player of Distinction Award... Earned All-Pac-12 third-team honors in 2018... Earned Pac-12 All-Freshman honors in 2017.

INTERNATIONAL

2018: Sheehan was called to be an alternate for the U.S. at the 2018 Under-20 FIFA Women's World Cup. She was also a member of the U.S. Youth National Teams at the U-18, U-19 and U-20 levels.

#17 MIDFIELDER



EMILY SONNETT

Pronunciation: SAWN-ET

Position: Midfielder

Height: 5'6"

Jersey Number: 6

Date of Birth: November 25, 1993

Age: 30

Hometown: Marietta, GA

Country: USA

College: University of Virginia

How acquired: Signed as free agent through 2026 on January 4, 2024

Pronouns: she / her / hers

HONORS

2018 NWSL Best XI, 2019 Second Team Best XI

PROFESSIONAL

2023: Sonnett played with OL Reign, where she played and started in 19 matches, recorded 1,677 minutes, and finished with an 80% successful pass rate. In just one season with OL Reign, she led the team to the 2023 NWSL Championship, as she played every minute of every playoff match. **2022:** Appeared in 10 games (nine starts) before suffering an injury while on international duty and being placed on the season- ending injury list **2021:** Joined Washington Spirit, where she started 14 of 15 games played for 1,263 minutes...Started in all three playoff matches, helping the Spirit win the NWSL Championship...Finished with an 82.9 percent successful pass rate. **2019:** With Portland, Sonnett was named NWSL Second XI...Appeared in 13 games, making 12 starts...Tallied two goals...Tallied her second goal of the season on Aug. 17 against Washington...Scored her first goal of the season at Sky Blue FC on April 28. **2018:** Started in all 20 games during the regular season with Portland Thorns, tallying one goal and one assist, earning an NWSL Best XI selection. Tallied her first goal of the season on May 5 against Seattle. Logged 3,420 consecutive minutes, spanning Aug. 27, 2016-May 19, 2018 across 38 games. **2017:** One of four players to start all 24 matches, playing every minute (2,160) during the regular season...Recorded three goals and one assist...Registered the game-winning assist in the NWSL Championship match on Oct. 14 against the North Carolina Courage...Tallied her second career NWSL playoff goal, starting and playing 90 minutes against Orlando on Oct. 7...Named to the NWSL Team of the Month for August...Recorded a goal, her third of the season, and the first assist of her NWSL career on Sept. 2 against Washington...Tallied her second career goal, her first in the regular season, against Houston on Aug. 5...Named to the NWSL Team of the Month for April. **2016:** Selected first overall in the 2016 NWSL College Draft. Started and played 90 minutes in all of her 15 appearances this season for Portland...Scored her first professional goal in the semifinal round of the NWSL playoffs against the Western New York Flash...Became the third rookie in team history to start in a Thorns FC home opener, logging 90 minutes in her NWSL and Thorns FC debut against Orlando on April 17.

COLLEGE

2012-15: Started in 89 games of 97 appearances for the Cavaliers...Recorded 11 goals and nine assists...As a senior in 2015, earned ESPNW National Player of the Year and was selected to the First-Team NSCAA All-American, First-Team NSCAA All- Southeast Region and ACC Defensive Player of the Year...Selected as the College Cup Most Outstanding Defensive Player as a junior in 2014...As a sophomore in 2013, set a UVA single-season record with 2,341 minutes played.

INTERNATIONAL

2023: Was named to the 23-player roster for the 2019 FIFA World Cup, helping the team win its second consecutive World Cup. **2020:** Named to the 18-player roster for the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan, earning an Olympic bronze medal...Has recorded 73 caps, one goal and five assists. On October 16, 2015, Sonnett received her first call-up to the United States Women's National Team, after spending five years with the U18 and the U23 teams between 2011-2015.

#6 MIDFIELDER



TARYN TORRES

Pronunciation

Position: Midfielder

Height: 5'6"

Jersey Number: 8

Date of Birth: April 23, 1999

Age: 24

Hometown: Frisco, Texas

Country: USA

College: University of Virginia

How acquired: Selected with No. 21 pick of 2021 NWSL College Draft; signed a new contract through 2026 on February 2, 2024

Pronouns: she / her / hers

PROFESSIONAL

2023: Missed entire season due to an anterior cruciate ligament injury sustained during preseason training camp. **2022:** Torres made 13 appearances, nine being starts, with Gotham FC throughout the season. **2021:** Torres was drafted at Number 21 pick by Gotham FC in the 2021 NWSL College Draft.

COLLEGE

2017-22: For UVA, she appeared in 100 matches, totaling 14 goals and an equal number of assists. She was drafted by Sky Blue FC but elected to return to UVA for the spring portion of the season. She was named All-ACC Third Team, United Soccer Coaches All-Region Second Team, All-ACC Second Team, Top Drawer Soccer Best XI Second Team, Two Time All-ACC Third Team, All-Freshman Team, United Soccer Coaches All-Region Third Team, Top Drawer Soccer Freshman Best XI selection.

INTERNATIONAL

2018: Torres played for U-20 USWNT in the 2018 FIFA World Cup. Prior to this, she was also a member of U-19, U-17, and U-15 USWNT.

#8 MIDFIELDER



MCCALL ZERBONI

Pronunciation

Position: Midfielder

Height: 5'4"

Jersey Number: 7

Date of Birth: December 13, 1986

Age: 37

Hometown: San Clemente, California

Country: USA

College: UCLA

How acquired: Signed through 2024 with option for 2025 on January 31, 2024

Pronouns: she / her / hers

PROFESSIONAL

2023: Zerboni played in 16 matches and started in five, recording 488 minutes. Zerboni suffered a season-ending anterior cruciate ligament injury during Gotham FC's match against the San Diego Wave on August 19. **2022:** Zerboni started in all 26 of her 2022 appearances. She scored three goals in her 1,766 minutes. **2021:** Zerboni made 21 appearances, including 19 starts... Posted goal at Washington... Dished out assist in 1-1 draw at Kansas City... One appearance in the 2021 NWSL Challenge Cup. **2020:** Zerboni was traded to Sky Blue FC in January 2020. Here she had one assist in her five appearances during the 2020 NWSL Challenge Cup. She later missed the 2020 NWSL Fall Series due to injury. **2019:** Zerboni made 24 match appearances with North Carolina. North Carolina won the NWSL Shield and were 2019 NWSL Champions. **2018:** Zerboni started in all 20 matches that she appeared in this season. She scored three goals and made one assist. North Carolina won the NWSL Shield and went on to become NWSL champions. Zerboni was named to the team of the month four times and NWSL Best XI. She also was a finalist for the Most Valuable Player Award. This year, Zerboni became the first NWSL player to play 10,000 career minutes. **2017:** In 2017 Western New York Flash relocated to North Carolina Courage. During the first season in North Carolina, Zerboni made 25 appearances, scored three goals and had one assist. North Carolina won the 2017 NWSL Shield and advanced to the Championship game this season. She was named to the team of the month and NWSL Best XI. **2016:** Zerboni made eight appearances with Boston Breakers this season before being traded to the Western New York Flash. She started in 11 out of her 12 match appearances. The Western New York Flash won the 2016 NWSL Championship. **2015:** Zerboni made 18 appearances and scored two goals with Portland Thorns. **2011-2014:** Zerboni signed with Western New York Flash in 2011. She helped the team to the 2011 WPS Championship and was appointed captain for the 2013 and 2014 seasons. Three goals, two assists in 24 appearances for 2014 season. She made 46 appearances and scored 4 goals throughout this time. **2010:** Zerboni signed to the Atlanta Beat during the 2009 WPS Expansion Draft and made 20 appearances with the team. **2009:** She was drafted as the 47th pick overall by Los Angeles Sol in 2009 WPS Draft. She made 10 appearances with four starts and had a goal and an assist.

COLLEGE

2005-09: Zerboni played at UCLA, where she scored seven goals and made 10 assists in her 73 collegiate career appearances. She scored hat trick in first round of NCAA Tournament in 2008.

INTERNATIONAL

2019: Zerboni was called up to senior team training camps. **2018:** Zerboni was named to the roster for the 2018 Tournament of Nations, where the USWNT became champions. **2017:** She earned her first call up to the senior team, making her the oldest player to earn a first cap for the USWNT. **2003:** Zerboni was a member of the U-17 USWNT squad.

#7 MIDFIELDER



CRYSTAL DUNN

Pronunciation: CRYSTAL DONE

Position: Forward

Height: 5'1"

Jersey Number: 19

Date of Birth: July 3, 1992

Age: 31

Hometown: Rockville Centre, NY

Country: USA

College: University of North Carolina

How acquired: Signed through 2026 as a free agent on December 31, 2023

Pronouns: she / her / hers

PROFESSIONAL

2023: Dunn led Portland to a second-place finish in regular season standings after starting 17 of her 19 regular-season appearances, recording 1,311 minutes, scoring five goals, and adding two assists. **2022:** Pregnancy and her return to fitness kept her off the field for most of the 2022 season, but after the birth of her son on May 20, she was able to return to game action for the end of the regular season with Portland Thorns FC. Her season highlight came in the semifinal playoff match when she came off the bench in the 62nd minute and scored the game-winner on dramatic driven shot in the third minute of stoppage time to seal the 2-1 win over San Diego Wave FC. She also played the final 17 minutes of the NWSL Championship Game to help the Thorns defeat the Kansas City Current, 2-0. **2021:** In 2021 she helped the Thorns win three trophies: the NWSL Challenge Cup, the Women's International Champions Cup and the NWSL Shield for finishing atop the league standings but played her final NWSL game of the season on Oct. 10 due to her pregnancy, which she announced a month later. **2018-19:** Was a key part of the North Carolina Courage sides that won NWSL titles in 2018 and 2019 **2017-18:** Played for Chelsea FC in England in 2017. She appeared in 15 matches, recording three goals and six assists. **2014-16:** Dunn played for the Washington Spirit. Scored twice in the 2016 NWSL Championship Game as the Washington Spirit and the Western New York Flash tied 1-1 through regulation. Dunn scored a potential game-winner one minute into overtime, but the Flash equalized at the end of overtime and eventual won in penalty kicks. In 2015, she won the Golden Boot after leading the league in goals with 15 in 20 games as well as winning the MVP award. At 23, she became the youngest MVP in the short history of the league. Selected as the first overall pick in the 2014 NWSL Draft by the Washington Spirit.

COLLEGE

2010-13: Dunn played collegiately for the storied University of North Carolina, where she helped the Tarheels capture their 21st NCAA National Championship in school history. In addition, Dunn was awarded the MAC Hermann Trophy as the top player in college soccer in the country for her junior season, as well as earning All-American honors.

PERSONAL

Gave birth to her first child, a son Marcel, on May 20, 2022.

Crystal Dunn is a U.S. Women's National Team player, World Cup Champion, two-time Olympian, three-time NWSL champion, three-time NWSL Shield winner, and NWSL MVPAs a member of the USWNT Dunn is an Olympic medalist and two-time FIFA Women's World Cup participant, winning the World Cup title in 2019 and appearing in every match for the 2023 tournament. Additionally, Dunn was nominated for 2023 U.S. Soccer Female Player of the Year for her stellar play for club and country. In 2023 with the USWNT, she started in all 14 of her appearances and recorded 970 minutes, while helping the team to one of its best defensive years to date with the lowest goals allowed per game average (0.17) in any year in program history (min. 10 games).

#19 FORWARD



ESTHER

Pronunciation: Es-Tear (like tearing paper)

Position: Forward

Height: 5'5"

Jersey Number: 9

Date of Birth: December 8, 1992

Age: 31

Hometown: Huéscar

Country: Spain

College: N/A

How acquired: Signed through 2025, with an option of 2026 on August 23, 2023

Pronouns: she / her / hers

PROFESSIONAL

2023: After joining Gotham FC, Esther started in three matches while appearing in five. Esther started and played in all playoff matches en route to the 2023 NWSL Championship title. She also scored the game-winning goal in the final.

2022: For Real Madrid, Esther has scored 93 goals in all competitions, and she holds the title of all-time leading scorer for Real Madrid with 39 goals after scoring 30 in the regular season alone. The striker found the back of the net on 22 occasions, including 16 regular season goals, five UEFA Women's Champions League goals, and one Copa de la Reina goal as a follow-up to her 17 finishes in all competitions during the previous 2021-2022 campaign in which she netted 14 regular season goals, two Copa de la Reina goals, and one Champions League goal.

INTERNATIONAL

González has scored 26 goals in 42 international appearances. She served as Spain's captain for two World Cup matches during this year's tournament and scored a World Cup goal against Costa Rica on July 21 in the Group Stage. González led Spain into World Cup qualifying with nine goals and five starts in six appearances in addition to leading La Roja with a goal and three appearances in UEFA Women's EURO 2021, which was played in 2022.

#9 FORWARD



MIDGE PURCE

Pronunciation:

Position: Forward

Height: 5'4"

Jersey Number: 23

Date of Birth: September 18, 1995

Age: 28

Hometown: Silver Spring, Maryland

Country: USA

College: Harvard University

How acquired: Signed new two-year contract with an option (March 2023); previously acquired via trade with Portland Thorns (January 2020)

Pronouns: she / her / hers

PROFESSIONAL

2023: Purce was named the 2023 NWSL Final MVP for her two-assist performance in the championship game. The forward appeared in 12 matches with eight starts in the 2023 regular season, notching four goals and two assists. **2022:** Purce scored four goals in her 21 appearances. **2021:** Purce started in all 18 games, was named to the NWSL Best XI, was an MVP Finalist and tied for second in the NWSL with nine goals. She scored two goals in her four appearances for the 2021 NWSL Challenge Cup. **2020:** Purce was traded to NJ-NY in January 2020. She made nine appearances, scored one goal and had two assists. **2018-2019:** Purce was selected with the No. 4 pick by Portland Thorns in 2018 NWSL Dispersal Draft. She scored eight goals and had an assist in her 44 appearances with the team. She was named NWSL Goal of the Week in June 2019 and NWSL Team of the Month, Player of the Week in August 2019. **2017:** Purce was drafted with the No. 9 overall pick to Boston Breakers in 2017 NWSL College Draft. She had one goal and two assists in 22 appearances.

COLLEGE

2013-16: Purce played at Harvard University, where she played 69 matches, starting in 63 of them. She scored 42 goals and had 12 assists. She ended her collegiate career as third all-time scorer in school history and was two-time Ivy League Player of the Year. She was named to the 2016 All-America First Team, 2016 MAC Hermann semifinalist, 2015 NSCAA Mid-Atlantic Region Second Team, All-Ivy League first team four times, 2013 Ivy League Rookie of the Year (First rookie to be awarded POTY in league history) and NSCAA/Continental Tire Women's All-American Third Team.

INTERNATIONAL

2023: 2023 SheBelieves Cup champion. **2022:** Purce made 11 appearances, scoring two goals and adding one assist. She became a two-time SheBelieves Cup champion in 2022. **2021:** Purce scored her first senior national team goal. She made seven appearances with a total of two goals and two assists. She also won the 2021 SheBelieves Cup. **2019-20:** Purce received her first USWNT Senior cap in 2019. From 2019 through 2020 Purce made two appearances with the team. **2015-18:** Purce represented the United States on the Youth U-23 Women's National Team. She received her first call up with the senior team in 2017 for the 2017 Tournament of Nations. She earned her second call up in 2018, but sustained an injury and did not appear. **2013-14:** Purce made four appearances and three starts in the 2014 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup. She scored a goal for the US during a friendly match and again Mexico during the 2014 CONCACAF U20 Championship. **2011-12:** Purce was a part of the US U-17 squad. She played in the 2012 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup.

PERSONAL

Purce co-founded and currently serves as a board member for the Black Women's Players Collective, a nonprofit with the goal of advancing opportunities for black girls in sport. In 2023, she was named to the Forbes 30 under 30 list in sports category for her work with the Black Women's Players Collective.

#23 FORWARD



KATIE STENGEL

Pronunciation:

Position: Forward

Height: 5'9"

Jersey Number: 28

Date of Birth: February 29, 1992

Age: 32

Hometown: Melbourne, FL

Country: USA

College: Wake Forest University

How acquired: Acquired via permanent transfer from Liverpool FC on September 13, 2023

Pronouns: she / her / hers

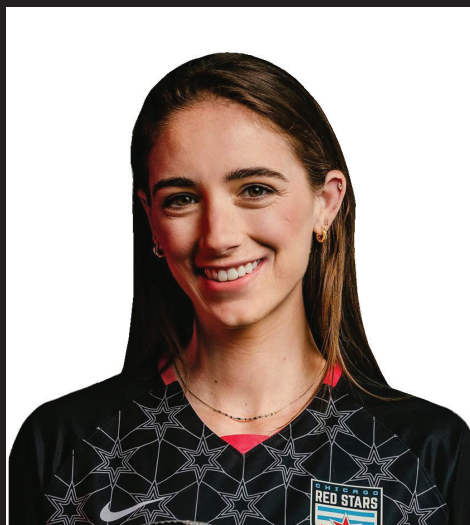
PROFESSIONAL

2023: For Gotham F appeared in eight matches, earning five starts and scoring two goals. Stengel scored the game-winning goal against the Portland Thorns in the 2023 NWSL Playoff semifinals to send Gotham FC to the Championship game. **2022-23:** She was with Liverpool for the 2022-23 season, where she appeared 21 games and started in 20. She scored nine goals during the season. **2021-22:** Signed with Liverpool in January 2022 and scored nine goals in 15 matches to help the club win the FA Women's Championship and gain promotion to the Super League. **2021:** Stengel was with the Houston Dash where she appeared in one regular season match and made two starts during the Challenge Cup. **2020:** Had an assist in four appearances and three starts in helping the Dash to the inaugural Challenge Cup title. Also made four appearances and passed out an assist in the Fall Series. **2019-20:** Scored a goal on loan with Canberra United. **2019:** Played in all 24 matches (16 starts) for Utah Royals FC with two goals and an assist. **2018-19:** Finished with three goals and two assists on loan with Newcastle Jets. **2018:** Stengel made 23 appearances, including 10 starts, for Utah Royals FC, scoring six goals, four of them game-winners, and had a brace on June 30. **2017-18:** Was second in the W-League golden boot race with 10 goals for Newcastle Jets. **2017:** Split the season between Washington and Boston, playing in 17 total matches, with 10 starts, and passing out an assist for the Breakers. **2016:** Scored four goals and passed out an assist to help the Washington Spirit make the NWSL final, appearing in both playoff games and 21 overall games. **2014-15:** Buried nine goals for Frauen Bundesliga champion Bayern Munich.

INTERNATIONAL

Stengel played for the US U-20 and U-23 national teams and was part of the 2012 U-20 World Cup champions.

#28 FORWARD



ELLA STEVENS

Pronunciation:

Position: Forward

Height: 5'8"

Jersey Number: 13

Date of Birth: December 11, 1997

Age: 26

Hometown: Grayson, GA

Country: USA

College: Duke University

How acquired: Acquired as free agent on January 22, 2024

Pronouns: she / her / hers

PROFESSIONAL

2023: Scored four goals, including the game-winner on July 1 against San Diego, to tie for the club lead and passed out an assist in 22 matches and 16 starts for Chicago. Played in four matches, starting three, during the Challenge Cup. **2022:** Appeared in 19 regular season matches, with 10 starts, and scored four goals and passed out two assists for Chicago. Appeared as a substitute in the Red Stars' playoff match. Made five appearances and three starts in the Challenge Cup with one assist. **2021:** Made six appearances as a substitute in all competitions (five in the regular season, one in the Challenge Cup), playing 67 minutes. **2020:** Drafted 24th overall by Chicago. Debuted in the Challenge Cup, appearing in two games and making one start.

COLLEGE

2016-19: Played in 91 matches at Duke, starting 81. Tallied 24 goals and 34 assists. Second-team All-ACC selection in 2017 and 2019 and a third-team All-ACC pick in 2016. Part of NCAA Tournament teams in 2016 (quarterfinals), 2017 (semifinals), 2018 (round of 16) and 2019 (second round).

INTERNATIONAL

Played for the US U-17, U-19, U-20 and U-23 national teams, winning a CONCACAF championship at the U-20 level.

#13 FORWARD



LYNN

WILLIAMS

Pronunciation

Position: Forward

Height: 5'7"

Jersey Number: 10

Date of Birth: May 21, 1993

Age: 30

Hometown: Fresno, California

Country: USA

College: Pepperdine University

How acquired: Trade with Kansas City Current in January 2023

Pronouns: she / her / hers

HONORS

2023 NWSL Best XI, 2018 NWSL Best XI Second Team, 2016 NWSL Golden Boot, 2016 NWSL MVP, 2016 NWSL Best XI

PROFESSIONAL

2023: Williams started in 18 of the 19 matches she appeared in, recording 1,653 minutes, seven goals, and two assists. Her seven goals led the team, in which Williams has been the leading goal scorer in every season she has appeared in, except for her rookie season when she was tied for the most alongside Sam Mewis. She also started in every playoff match en route to the 2023 NWSL championship, in which Williams extended her record for career playoff minutes to 1,221. She played in her fifth final, tying Kristen Hamilton for the league record and the forward is the first player in league history to start in five finals. **2022:** Despite missing the entire 2022 NWSL season due to injury, her 57 career NWSL regular season goals heading into the 2023 regular season ranked third all-time in league history behind Australian Sam Kerr (77) and Canadian Christine Sinclair (59), and most ever for an American. Was traded to the Kansas City Current prior to the 2022 season. **2021:** Returned to the Courage where she started and played in 17 matches, recording 1,484 minutes, seven goals, and two assists. **2017-20:** After the Flash moved to North Carolina and became the Courage, won two more NWSL Championships (2018 and 2019) and a streak of three consecutive NWSL Shields (2017, 2018, 2019) with the Courage. Also spent time on loan in Australia's W-League, playing for the Western Sydney Wanderers in 2019-20. **2015-16:** Selected No. 6 overall by the Western New York Flash in the 2015 NWSL College Draft where she won the NWSL Golden Boot in 2016, was named the 2016 NWSL MVP and helped the club win the 2016 NWSL Championship.

COLLEGE:

2011-14: Williams played at Pepperdine University, where she scored a total of 39 goals in her 78 appearances. Williams was a finalist for the Hermann Trophy and was named first-team All-American by the NSCAA and Soccer America as well as All-WCC first team for three consecutive years. Williams set a school record for shots with 130 and ranked first in the WCC.

INTERNATIONAL

2023: She made two appearances with the team. **2022:** SheBelieves Cup Champion. **2021:** Williams was named to the 2020 Summer Olympics roster for the United States. She totaled 16 appearances, scored five goals and made four assists. 2021 SheBelieves Cup Champion. **2019-20:** Williams returned with the team for her first cap in 20 months. She scored five goals and had five assists during her first five games back with the team, including the 2020 CONCACAF Olympic qualifying tournament. She went on to win an Olympic Bronze Medal with USWNT this year. 2020 SheBelieves Cup Champion. Overall, she made 10 match appearances from 2019-2020. **2018:** 2018 SheBelieves Cup Champion. She was also named to the provisional roster for the 2018 CONCACAF Women's Championship. She made four appearances with the team in 2018. **2017:** Williams was named to the 2017 SheBelieves Cup roster. Here she scored the game-winning goal in a 1-0 win over Germany. She was also called up for the 2017 Tournament of Nations. She made 11 appearances and scored 3 goals. **2016:** Williams earned her first USWNT call up and cap. She scored the fastest debut goal in the team's history, scoring 49 seconds after entering the match. She made four appearances for the team this year. **2013-15:** Williams represented the United States on the U-23 squad.

#10 FORWARD

2024 FRONT OFFICE



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OPERATING OWNERS



CAROLYN TISCH BLODGETT

CLUB GOVERNOR, NWSL BOARD MEMBER

Carolyn Tisch Blodgett joined as a minority owner and strategic investor for Gotham FC in November 2023. Tisch Blodgett is also the CEO and Founder of Next 3, where she oversees a portfolio of assets across sports. Carolyn is leading the investment with backing from the Tisch family, including New York Football Giants co-owners Laurie, Jonathan and Steve Tisch.

Tisch Blodgett and her family, known for their strong local legacy, success in building iconic businesses, prominent presence in the New York philanthropic landscape, and 30-plus years of experience in co-owning and operating the New York Football Giants will help build on, and accelerate, Gotham FC's success in New Jersey, New York and beyond. She will also sit on the NWSL Board of Governors as the Alternate Governor to Tammy Murphy, creating a powerful women-led duo representing Gotham FC.

Prior to joining Gotham FC, Tisch Blodgett was the Head of Global Marketing at Peloton, which she helped transform from a little-known fitness start-up into the global leader in connected fitness and a household name. In addition to leading Next 3, Carolyn also acts as Strategic Advisor to the Tisch Ownership Group, which co-owns the New York Football Giants, representing their interest across the business. She has received several prestigious awards including Crain's 40 under 40, Business Insider's 25 Most Innovative CMOs in the World, AdAge 40 under 40, and AdAge's Most Powerful Women in Sports.



ED NALBANDIAN

MANAGING OWNER, NWSL BOARD MEMBER

A lifelong soccer enthusiast, Ed Nalbandian joined Gotham FC's ownership group in January 2020. He is a former high school, collegiate, and semi-professional player; a former professional youth soccer coach, and a devoted NWSL, Major League Soccer, and Premier League fan.

As the club's Vice Chair, a role that reports to Tammy, Ed is the lead owner on day-to-day club operations, collaborating closely with General Manager and Head of Soccer Operations Yael Averbuch West.

Ed comes to Gotham FC with more than thirty-five years of executive experience. He served as a successful CEO of three IT services companies; held executive roles at IBM, AT&T, Cognizant, and Avaya, and was a finalist for Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur of the Year award in 2003.

Ed currently sits on the Board of Directors of Carousel Industries, a leading IT services company. He also authored the acclaimed IT services book, "The Managed Services Playbook," and was a founding member of the Board of Directors of the Technology Services Industry Association's Managed Services division.

Ed earned a Bachelor of Arts in Economics at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He and his wife of 30 years, Tracy, have two children, Kellie and Eric.

FOUNDING OWNERS



TAMMY MURPHY

CLUB CHAIR

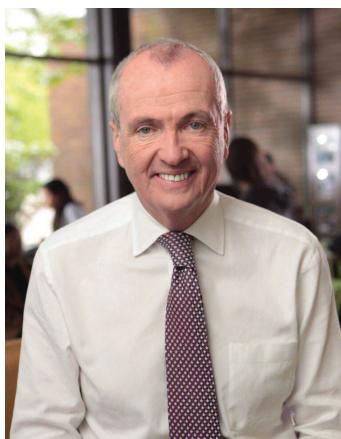
Tammy Snyder Murphy and her husband, Phil Murphy, have been owners of Gotham FC since the club's founding in 2008. The Murphys have guided the club through its membership in multiple professional women's leagues including, in 2013, when Sky Blue FC became a founding member of the National Women's Soccer League.

Serving as Chair of the club, Tammy provides strategic guidance on operational issues and collaborates with management on key personnel decisions.

Over the years, Tammy has worked with non-profits, a think-tank, and other organizations focused on the environment, education, women's health, the arts, and youth and family services. Tammy worked in finance in the U.S. and Europe and has traveled extensively throughout the world, living overseas in London, Frankfurt, Hong Kong, and Berlin. She speaks Italian and is fluent in German.

Tammy has always believed in collaborative problem-solving through coalition-building and personal engagement. It is a central theme of her life, whether running for student office during college, thriving in the competitive and male-dominated finance industry, starting and working with nonprofits, or joining the Women's March in Trenton. She is passionate that women and girls receive treatment equal to that of men and boys. Tammy earned a Bachelor of Arts in English and Communications at the University of Virginia, where she sits on the University's Board of Visitors. She also serves as Secretary and charter member of The Climate Reality Action Fund, an organization founded by former Vice-President Al Gore.

Since January 2018, Tammy has served as the First Lady of the State of New Jersey.



PHIL MURPHY

OWNER

Born in Boston, Phil Murphy and his family have called Monmouth County, New Jersey, home for two decades. A graduate of both Harvard University and the University of Pennsylvania, he made his career in financial services, and worked around the world. Since his retirement from business in 2003, he and Tammy have immersed themselves in charitable works and public service.

From 2009 until 2013, Phil served with distinction as the United States Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, having been appointed by former President Barack Obama. He was the board chair of 180 Turning Lives Around, a Monmouth County organization committed to ending domestic and sexual violence.

Along with Tammy, he founded 2nd Floor, a successful teen helpline. He also served as New Jersey's sole representative on the national operating board of the NAACP. Since 2018, Phil has served as the Governor of New Jersey. He and Tammy have been married for 25 years. They have four children.

FOUNDING OWNERS



STEVEN TEMARES

OWNER

Steven Temares was born in the Bronx, New York, and raised in Paramus, New Jersey. He joined the club's ownership group prior to the club's professional debut in 2009 as a member of the NWSL's predecessor league, Women's Professional Soccer (WPS). In his first year as an owner, Sky Blue won the championship in the inaugural WPS season.

Steven formerly served as CEO of retail giant Bed Bath & Beyond, where he was responsible for day-to-day operations of the company and its subsidiaries for twenty-two years. He currently serves on the Advisory Board for Beastcoast, a professional eSports organization that emphasizes gamer interests, well-being, and happiness and focuses on celebrating the diversity of the gaming community.

Steven is also a minority owner of Major League Baseball's New York Mets and sits on the team's Advisory Board.

He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Rutgers University – where he serves on the Board of Trustees — and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. Steven and his wife, Amy, have three daughters.

STRATEGIC INVESTORS



SUE BIRD

INVESTOR

Bird has a proven track record of success across her career. Her resume includes a historic five Olympic Gold Medals, four WNBA championships, four FIBA World Cups, five EuroLeague Women championships, and two NCAA championships. She has been selected to thirteen WNBA All-Star teams, eight All-WNBA teams, and was recently voted into the W25 as one of the WNBA's top 25 players of all-time.

A 2002 alumnus of the University of Connecticut, Bird was drafted first overall by the Seattle Storm in the 2002 WNBA Draft. In June, Bird announced her upcoming retirement from her WNBA playing career at the conclusion of the 2022 season.

As an owner, Bird acts as a consultant and advisor to boost the club's profile in local, national, and international markets. She also collaborates with Tammy Murphy, Managing Owner Ed Nalbandian, and club leadership on a variety of club initiatives to promote the club and support its players and community.



KEVIN DURANT

INVESTOR

Kevin Durant is a 12-year NBA veteran and forward for the Phoenix Suns. He is a 2x NBA Champion and Finals MVP; having also won an NBA MVP Award, four NBA scoring titles, two Olympic gold medals, two NBA All-Star Game MVP Awards, and an NBA Rookie of the Year Award. He is also a ten-time NBA All-Star.

Off the court, Durant is co-founder and president of Thirty Five Ventures alongside his business partner Rich Kleiman. Founded in 2017, Thirty Five Ventures incorporates the duo's business entities across sports, tech, media, philanthropy and more.

Thirty Five Ventures' flagship media property is The Boardroom, a sports business platform that includes video interviews & infographics, The Boardroom University college program, events, an e-newsletter and a podcast network. Other recent Thirty Five Ventures initiatives include: the recently debuted BASKETBALL COUNTY: In The Water documentary on SHOWTIME and the upcoming basketball-themed scripted series "SWAGGER" with Imagine Entertainment and Apple; an equity partnership with premium audio brand Master & Dynamic; a minority stake in and consulting agreement with the Philadelphia Union; and the Durant Center, a state-of-the-art educational and leadership facility in Durant's hometown in Prince George's County, Maryland.

The Kevin Durant Charity Foundation's signature programs include Build It and They Will Ball, a global basketball court renovation project with 22 courts completed to date, and The Durant Center, a 10-year, 10-million dollar program in partnership with College Track that helps low-income and underserved students enroll and graduate from college. Durant received the season long NBA Cares Community Assist and ESPN Muhammad Ali Sports Humanitarian awards in 2018.

STRATEGIC INVESTORS



CARLI LLOYD

INVESTOR

Carli Lloyd is a two-time World Cup Champion, two-time Olympic gold medalist, and two-time FIFA Player of the Year. She retired from the NWSL in 2021 after a seasoned professional athletic career playing for the U.S. Women's National Team and NJ/NY Gotham FC. During her time on the field, she scored 134 goals, the third-highest of all time in USWNT history; 64 assists, the sixth-highest of all time in USWNT history; and eight hat tricks, which is tied for the most of all-time in USWNT history, among many other accomplishments.

Prior to the start of her NWSL career, Lloyd attended Rutgers University where she played for the Scarlet Knights. She has been honored at the institution as a Rutgers University Hall of Distinguished Alumni.

As part of her new role as a minority owner, Lloyd will act as a consultant and advisor to Gotham FC to help boost the club's profile in local, national, and international markets. She will also collaborate with Club Chair Tammy Murphy, Managing Owner Ed Nalbandian, and club leadership on a variety of club initiatives designed to promote the club and support its players.



ELI MANNING

INVESTOR

Drafted first overall in the 2004 NFL Draft, Eli Manning retired from football in January of 2020 after a remarkable 16-season career with the New York Giants. He is a two-time Super Bowl champion and MVP who holds the Giants' franchise records for passing yards, touchdown passes, and completions.

In 2016, Manning won the Walter Payton Man of the Year Award for spearheading Hackensack University Medical Center's "Tackle Kids' Cancer" and other children's health initiatives.

As an owner, Manning will act as a consultant and advisor to boost the club's profile in local, national, and international markets. He will also collaborate with his fellow owners and club leadership on a variety of club initiatives to promote the club and support its players and community.



PETE GUELLI

INVESTOR

Pete Guelli has more than two decades of experience as a professional sports executive. Prior to being named Chief Commercial Officer of the Giants, Guelli served as the Senior Vice President of the NFL's Buffalo Bills and the Chief Operating Officer of the NBA's Charlotte Hornets.

During his ten-year tenure with Hornets, Guelli oversaw the return of the historic Hornets brand and helped the franchise surpass more than \$1 billion in value.

As an owner of Gotham FC, Guelli's focus will be to support the club, its players, and fans by working with leadership and his fellow owners to enhance existing efforts to elevate the club's local, national and international profile.

STRATEGIC INVESTORS



RICH KLEIMAN

INVESTOR

Rich Kleiman is the co-founder of Thirty Five Ventures and longtime manager of Kevin Durant. Founded in 2016, Thirty Five Ventures incorporates the duo's business entities across sports, tech, media, philanthropy and more.

The Thirty Five Ventures umbrella includes the sports business media network Boardroom; an investment portfolio with over 75 companies, including Acorns, Coinbase, Dutchie, Overtime, Dapper Labs/NBA Top Shot, Postmates, OpenSea, and more; a film/TV arm with projects including the documentary series *In the Water* (SHOWTIME), the Academy Award-winning *Two Distant Strangers* (Netflix), and the critically acclaimed scripted series "SWAGGER" (Apple TV+); a minority stake in MLS team Philadelphia Union, and management of Kevin Durant's on-and-off court business.

Kleiman also serves as the Executive Director of the Kevin Durant Charity Foundation, helping oversee the development and expansion of the Durant Center in Maryland's Prince George's County. KDCF has also partnered with the College Track program in its first DC area presence, and has built or refurbished over 25 basketball courts throughout the globe.

Kleiman sits on the Board of Directors at New Heights Youth, Inc., a non-profit dedicated to sports-based youth development and education in New York City. He is also very active in volunteering and fundraising for Coalition for the Homeless.

In 2013, Kleiman helped launch Roc Nation Sports, where he served as Vice President of the sports agency founded by Jay-Z. He worked with athletes such as Victor Cruz, CC Sabathia, Skylar Diggins-Smith, Robinson Cano, and more. Kleiman started with Roc Nation in 2008 as a music manager representing artists and DJ/Producers like D Nice, Mark Ronson, Solange, Wale, and Meek Mill.

Kleiman's career in entertainment began at renowned production company Radical Media, where he was a music supervisor, as well as a producer on projects such as Jay-Z's feature-length documentary *Fade To Black*.



RED BULL ARENA

Red Bull Arena is the benchmark in the North American soccer stadium landscape and sets the standard for other venues of its kind across the continent. The 25,000-seat state-of-the-art facility located in Harrison, New Jersey is the home of Gotham FC of the NWSL and the New York Red Bulls of Major League Soccer.

Opened in March 2010, Red Bull Arena has hosted a number of top club and international squads including the U.S. Women's and Men's National Teams, Argentina, Ecuador, Colombia, Chelsea FC, FC Barcelona, Bayern Munich, Arsenal, Manchester City, Juventus and Tottenham Hotspur FC.

The arena is structured to create a distinct soccer atmosphere as fans in the front row are just 21 feet from the touchlines. Its dynamic roof is a curving structure that wraps the entire arena in an elegant metal shell to create an architectural statement of power and elegance. Red Bull Arena has been awarded the Professional Soccer Field of the Year by Sports Turf Management Association in 2018 and 2021.

In 2022, the Arena hosted 40 soccer matches, including 13 featuring Gotham FC, 19 Red Bulls matches across all competitions, three men's international friendlies, and a friendly between the U.S. Women's National Team and Germany.

RED BULL ARENA

QUICK FACTS

ADDRESS: 600 Cape May Street, Harrison, NJ

OPENED: March 2010

CAPACITY: 25,000

FIELD SIZE: 120yds x 75yds

PLAYING SURFACE: Kentucky bluegrass



RED BULL TRAINING FACILITY

Red Bulls Training Facility is the world-class home for training sessions of NY/NJ Gotham FC, the New York Red Bulls of MLS, New York Red Bulls II, and Red Bulls Academy teams. The facility has hosted various international teams and other club teams training session including the United States National Team, Mexico National Team, and Inter Milan.





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