



2024

MEDIA GUIDE





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2024 SPIRIT SCHEDULE

	MAR 17 6:00 PM  NWSL ⁺ LUMEN FIELD		JUN 23 12:30 PM  ESPN RED BULL ARENA
	MAR 23 7:30 PM  ion AUDI FIELD		JUN 29 7:30 PM  ion AUDI FIELD
	MAR 31 1:00 PM  NWSL ⁺ AUDI FIELD		JUL 6 10:00 PM  NWSL ⁺ PAYPAL PARK
	APR 12 8:00 PM  prime SHELL ENERGY STADIUM		AUG 25 12:00 PM  CBS SPORTS NETWORK AUDI FIELD
	APR 20 1:00 PM  CBS AUDI FIELD		SEP 1 8:00 PM  NWSL ⁺ SNAPDRAGON STADIUM
	APR 26 7:30 PM  NWSL ⁺ AUDI FIELD		SEP 7 12:30 PM  CBS AUDI FIELD
	MAY 1 8:00 PM  NWSL ⁺ SEATGEEK STADIUM		SEP 15 1:00 PM  ESPN 2 AUDI FIELD
	MAY 4 10:00 PM  ion PROVIDENCE PARK		SEP 20 8:00 PM  prime CHILDREN'S MERCY PARK
	MAY 10 8:00 PM  prime LYNN FAMILY STADIUM		SEP 27 10:00 PM  prime BMO PARK
	MAY 18 7:30 PM  ion AUDI FIELD		OCT 6 5:00 PM  ESPN 2 EXPLORIA STADIUM
	MAY 24 7:30 PM  NWSL ⁺ AUDI FIELD		OCT 13 5:00 PM  NWSL ⁺ AUDI FIELD
	JUN 8 7:30 PM  ion AMERICA FIRST FIELD		OCT 20 5:00 PM  NWSL ⁺ AUDI FIELD
	JUN 15 7:30 PM  ion AUDI FIELD		NOV 2 7:30 PM  ion WAKEMED SOCCER PARK

HOME

TEAM HISTORY

The Washington, D.C. area was selected as one of eight markets that would field a team to participate in the NWSL's inaugural season in 2013. In December 2012, the team's name was announced as the Washington Spirit.

Since its start in the NWSL, the Spirit has participated in all eleven seasons of the league thus far, with its best result coming in 2021 when Washington defeated the Chicago Red Stars to win its first-ever NWSL Championship.

The Spirit began playing select games at Audi Field in Washington, D.C. during the 2018 season and set a still-standing attendance record on August 24, 2019 when the club hosted 19,871 fans in a 2-1 win over the Orlando Pride.

After joining the club as a minority investor in 2021, health information technology visionary Michele Kang became the majority owner of the Spirit before the 2022 season. Under Kang, the Spirit has seen remarkable growth as a professional club.

During the 2022 season, Kang brought in one of college soccer's most successful head coaches in Mark Krikorian.

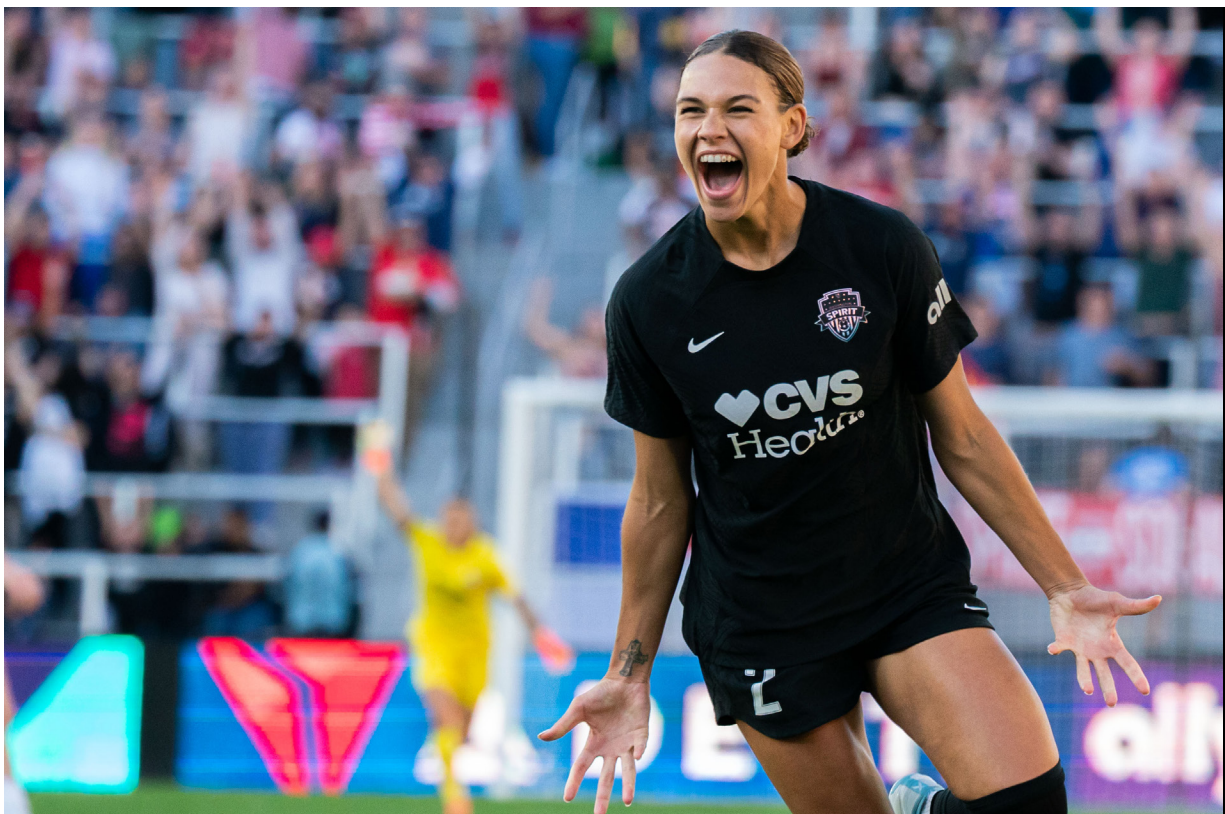


TEAM HISTORY

The three-time national championship-winning coach was named the club's President of Soccer Operations/General Manager. Prior to the 2023 season, newly-hired VP of Performance, Medical and Innovation built out the most robust staff of athletic support staff in the history of the NWSL. The same year, the Spirit began playing all home matches at Audi Field in DC as part of Kang's vision to build a 'premier, professional and proudly DC' women's soccer team.

This season, the Spirit welcomes two new coaches. Renowned Spanish coach Jonatan Giráldez was announced as the club's next Head Coach in January 2024 and will officially join the team this summer upon the conclusion of his current club's season. In the interim, fellow Spaniard Adrián González has been brought in to lead the Spirit and will remain on Giráldez's staff once he arrives.

The Spirit will kick off its 2024 campaign on the road against Seattle Reign FC on Sunday, March 17 before returning to DC for its home opener at Audi Field against expansion side Bay FC on Saturday, March 23.



AUDI FIELD

Audi Field is a state-of-the-art soccer-specific venue that is home to the NWSL's Washington Spirit, MLS' D.C. United and the UFL's D.C. Defenders. Located near Nationals Park in Washington, D.C.'s Buzzard Point, the stadium officially opened its doors on July 14, 2018.

In 2018, the Spirit coordinated with D.C. United to start playing select home matches at Audi Field. The Spirit played its first-ever game at the venue on August 25, 2018. A year later, on August 24, 2019, the team hosted a club record 19,871 fans. In 2023, the club's first season as a full-time tenant of Audi Field, the Spirit averaged nearly 11,000 fans per home contest. Capacity at each of the club's previous two home stadiums was just 5,000.

After hosting seven games at Audi Field in 2021 and another nine in 2022, the Spirit played all 14 home fixtures of 2023 at the Buzzard Point venue and will play its second full home schedule at the stadium in 2024. Washington enters 2024 with an overall record of 17 wins, seven losses and 11 draws at Audi Field.



NEW KITS

The Washington Spirit unveiled two groundbreaking new kits designed by Nike ahead of the 2024 season. The kits, known as the Blackout and the Spotlight, represent the club's journey under majority owner Michele Kang's visionary leadership. Kang has been vocal in her mission to grow the Washington Spirit into the world's preeminent sports organization, and innovation has been a central theme from the club's current branding journey to the investment in fem tech to train females as females and recruiting one of the world's best head coaches.

The Blackout kit is inspired by the columns and architecture found throughout the region. The convergence of patterns on the tonal grey and black graphic is reflective of bridging the communities within DC, Maryland and Virginia. This uniform will be the Spirit's primary set, being worn predominantly at home in 2024 and inspiring fans to Blackout Audi with sellout attendances throughout the season.



NEW KITS



Perhaps most notably this season, the club introduces a vibrant yellow as one of its main colors. Featured on the Spotlight kit, yellow is a nod to the club's trailblazing spirit and a hint of the club's forthcoming new brand positioning in 2025. As Washington's secondary kit, the Spotlight set will be worn predominantly on the road in 2024.

The Washington Spirit began a new era under the leadership of Kang. The organization is in the midst of a full rebrand set to debut in 2025. This journey began last season when the club pivoted with a simplified look to black, white and chrome. This season's refresh includes the addition of yellow giving a nod at what's to come next season.



STAFF

SPORTING OPERATIONS & PERFORMANCE, MEDICAL AND INNOVATION



Mark Krikorian

President of Soccer Operations/General Manager



Dawn Scott

VP, Performance, Medical and Innovation



Nate Minion

Senior Director of Soccer Administration



Erik Marchek

Director of Medical



Kirtsy Hicks

Director of Performance and Innovation



Ben Berczek

Director of Operations

PERFORMANCE, MEDICAL, and INNOVATION

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STAFF

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MAJORITY OWNER

MICHELE KANG

Michele Kang is an American businesswoman, investor, and philanthropist. Born and raised in South Korea, Kang came to the United States as a student to pursue her American dream. She has spent her career building businesses that challenge the status quo—and leveraging her own successes, she has focused on helping others achieve their own American dreams.

Kang is the founder and CEO of Cognosante. A visionary in the field of health information technology, Michele founded Cognosante in 2008 to disrupt and challenge the status quo in the U.S. healthcare system. Under Michele's leadership, Cognosante has grown rapidly, and emerged as a trusted provider of innovative health and safety solutions for key Federal health, military, and intelligence agencies as well as state health and social services agencies.

In 2020, Kang laid the groundwork for women's ownership of major sports franchises by becoming the first female co-owner of a National Women's Soccer League club, the Washington Spirit. The following year, Kang was a part of the ownership that hoisted 2021 NWSL Championship trophy, and in 2022, she became the club's majority owner — the first woman of color to own a majority stake in an NWSL team.

Upon taking over the Spirit in 2022, Kang has worked to make her vision of building not only the best women's soccer team but the best team in the world. Kang made immediate investments in the team, hiring four-time NCAA champion coach Mark Krikorian as the team's General Manager and NWSL Champion head coach Mark Parsons. Her investments included developing a sports performance staff, led by Dawn Scott — a first in the NWSL. Additionally, Kang helped negotiate a deal to secure Audi Field as the Spirit's permanent venue for home matches.

On May 16, 2023, Kang announced the creation of a multi-club organization that will bring together the Spirit and the French club Olympique Lyonnais, an eight-time Champions League winner, as the first teams in a network of women's soccer clubs stretching around the globe. It is the first woman-owned, women-led multi-club organization of its kind.



MAJORITY OWNER

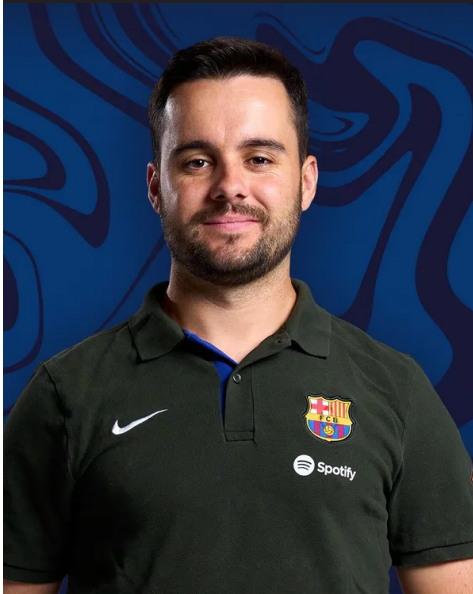
Michele demonstrates a commitment to equity, inclusion, and opportunity for all — something that is reflected in Cognosante’s and the Spirit’s culture and the philanthropic initiatives she established. In 2021, Michele launched Cognosante’s HBCU Partner Alliance, a new program built through a targeted collaboration with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). The HBCU Partner Alliance prepares students of color for promising careers in IT and government contracting. Her efforts promote economic sustainability through entrepreneurship and focus on increasing opportunities for Veterans, under-resourced young adults, and persons with disabilities. With a mission to promote the dignity of work, the Cognosante Foundation, established in 2012, focuses on supporting members from underserved communities as they pursue financial independence through meaningful careers.

In recognition of her entrepreneurial success and philanthropic efforts, she has received numerous accolades including the Palm Beach Atlantic University 2019 American Free Enterprise Medal, the 2015 EY Entrepreneur of The Year® for the Washington, DC region, and the U.S. Award for Services. She was elected along with U.S. senators, high-ranking government officials, and top executives of Fortune 500 companies as an inaugural member of 100 Women Leaders in STEM in 2012 and one of the “Top 100 CEO Leaders in STEM” in 2016.

Michele is also an active supporter of the arts and technology; she is a Trustee on the Boards of the Washington National Opera and the Norton Museum of Art, and the Northern Virginia Technology Council. Michele earned a bachelor’s degree in economics from The University of Chicago and a master’s degree in public and private management from Yale School of Management



TECHINICAL STAFF



**JONATAN
GIRÁLDEZ**
HEAD COACH

Jonatan (Jona) Giráldez Costas was named the Washington Spirit's next Head Coach in January 2024. Giráldez is currently the Head Coach of FC Barcelona Femení in Spain's Liga F, the country's top-tier women's league, and will officially join the Spirit upon the conclusion of the 2023-24 Spanish season.

Giráldez began his tenure at FC Barcelona in 2019 as an assistant before being promoted to be the club's Head Coach in 2021 after just two seasons. In the less than three years since his promotion, Giráldez has led Barcelona to a long list of accolades. Winning Liga F in each of his first two seasons, Barcelona also won the 2021-22 Copa de la Reina and 2022-23 UEFA Women's Champions League. Additionally, Giráldez led Barcelona to 58 consecutive Liga F wins to start his head coaching tenure, including a perfect 30-0-0 record in his first season at the helm.

For his stellar coaching, Giráldez was named the IFFHS World's Best Club Coach in 2023. He was also named a finalist for the UEFA Women's Coach of the Year Award in 2023 and FIFA's The Best Women's Coach award in early 2024.

Giráldez is originally from Vigo in the Galicia community of northwest Spain. He and his partner Olaya welcomed their first child, a son, in 2023.



**ADRIÁN
GONZÁLEZ**
Interim Head Coach

Adrián González was named as part of Jonatan Giráldez's coaching staff in January 2024, also being tapped as the club's Interim Head Coach to lead the Spirit until Giráldez's arrival.

González brings an impressive 20-plus-year international coaching career with him to DC. Most recently, González served as the Head Coach at RCD Espanyol in Spain's Primera Federación, the country's second-tier professional women's league. Prior to his time with the women's first team, he coached various men's youth teams at Espanyol and coached in both Japan, with Ventforet Kofu, and Greece, with Xanthi FC.

In addition to his impressive coaching credentials, González brings extensive academic training to the Spirit. González has always been involved with several academic institutions as a professor or instructor for classes related to training and football methodology (clubs, soccer federations and universities). He holds a degree in Sport Science by INEF Lleida, two master's degrees in Sport Management and Financial Intelligence and a UEFA A license. The last five years he has concentrated on gaining knowledge and experiences in the mental and emotional optimization of athletes.

González is originally from Barcelona in Spain.

TECHNICAL STAFF



**MIKE
BRISTOL**

**Director of Player
Personnel /
Assistant Coach**

Serving as an assistant coach at Florida State under Spirit General Manager and President of Sporting Operations, Mark Krikorian, for 13 seasons, Mike Bristol joined the Spirit in August 2022.

Bristol is a defensive specialist. During his time at Florida State, Bristol oversaw a defending third that averaged over 14 shutouts per season and held a goals against average (GAA) of 0.69 while helping FSU to three national championships during his tenure.

Prior to his move to Tallahassee, Bristol served as an assistant coach at the University of Maryland and Illinois State University. Additionally, Bristol was a four-year starter in goal for the Western Illinois University Leathernecks from 1995 through 1998, serving as a team captain for three seasons.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2014, Bristol was named the NCSAA Assistant Coach of the Year.

QUOTE:

"Mike has a wide range of skills from talent identification with his extensive knowledge of the college game, to scouting our opponent and preparing the team to win, to being a world-class goalkeeper coach. His work ethic and attention to detail is second-to-none, and I find myself learning something everyday despite being a well-seasoned pro." – Aubrey Kingsbury



**MORINAO
IMAIZUMI**

**Player
Development
Coach**

Morinao "Ima" Imaizumi joined the Washington Spirit staff in November 2022 after a stint as an assistant coach with the Chicago Red Stars. Ima comes to the Spirit with several decades of experience as a coach.

Hailed as one of the best player development coaches in the business, Imaizumi was previously the youth development head coach at the Japan Football Association (JFA), later becoming the assistant director of coaching education at the JFA.

He has served as the head coach of multiple Japanese youth national teams and as an assistant coach for the senior team. During the Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Imaizumi served as an assistant for the senior team that advanced to the quarterfinal. Ima also as a coach on Mark Krikorian's Florida State staff for nearly decade, beginning in 2011.

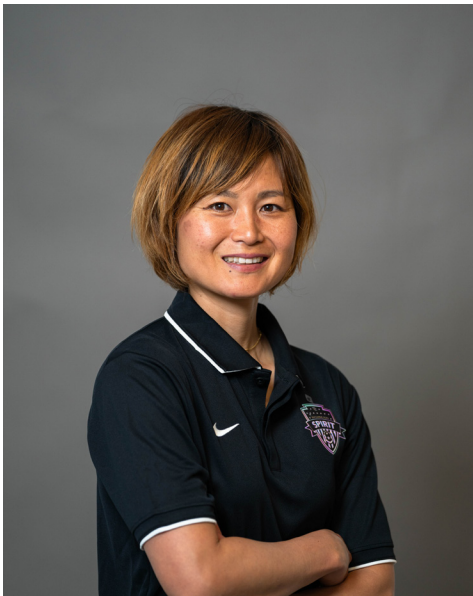
DID YOU KNOW?

Ima was formerly named to the U-20 Japanese National Team.

QUOTE:

"Ima is a very motivational and technical coach. He is always striving to be better not only for himself but us players, as well. He is always pushing towards perfection while doing it with so many smiles, joy, and encouraging words. Ima is such a bright light at the Spirit!" – Trinity Rodman

COACHING STAFF



**MAMI
YAMAGUCHI**

**Assistant Coach /
Player Development
Coach**

Despite being the newest member of the Washington Spirit's coaching staff, Mami Yamaguchi brings a wealth of technical experience to the Washington Spirit.

Yamaguchi played professionally for nearly two decades – starting her professional playing career as a teenager – before beginning her career as a coach, most recently serving as an assistant coach with Detroit City FC.

Her playing career was immensely decorated, representing the Japan Women for several years, scoring eight goals in that time. She played professionally across top-tier leagues in Japan, the United States and Sweden, appearing in over 130 club matches.

However, she also played under current Spirit General Manager and President of Sporting, Mark Krikorian, when she attended Florida State University from 2005 to 2007. She played three seasons with the Seminoles, winning college soccer's most prestigious award, the MAC Hermann Trophy, in 2007.

DID YOU KNOW?

In her first season playing with the Swedish side Umeå IK, Yamaguchi played in the Champions League Final, along with teammate Marta, against 1. FFC Frankfurt.

QUOTE:

"It is unsurprising to me that Mami is finding so much success already in coaching – she really gets what it's like to play at the highest level. She has a sharp eye for technical details and passing, and her wealth of knowledge comes easily to her." – Washington Spirit legend, Tori Huster



**JAMES
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PLAYER ROSTER

ALPHABETICAL

PLAYER NAME	PRONOUNS	DOB
Nicole Barnhart	She/Her	10/10/1981
Croix Bethune	She/Her	3/14/2001
Lyza Bosselmann	She/Her	7/27/2001
Courtney Brown	She/Her	11/25/2000
Annaïg Butel	She/Her	2/15/1992
Gabrielle Carle	She/Her	10/12/1998
Ashley Hatch	She/Her	5/25/1995
Anna Heilferty	She/Her	4/17/1999
Hal Hershfelt	She/Her	10/03/2001
Aubrey Kingsbury	She/Her	11/20/1991
Casey Krueger	She/Her	8/23/1990
Civana Kuhlmann	She/Her	4/14/1999
Tara McKeown	She/Her	7/02/1999
Paige Metayer	She/Her	9/23/2000
Makenna Morris	She/Her	4/26/2022
Brittany Ratcliffe	She/Her	2/07/1994
Chloe Ricketts	She/Her	5/23/2007
Trinity Rodman	She/Her	5/20/2002
Ouleymata Sarr	She/Her	10/08/1995
Lena Silano	She/Her	2/28/2000
Heather Stainbrook	She/Her	3/14/2001
Andi Sullivan	She/Her	12/20/1995
Riley Tanner	She/Her	10/15/1999
Kate Weisner	She/Her	2/11/2001

PLAYER ROSTER

NUMERICAL

#	PLAYER	POS	HT	STATUS
1	Aubrey Kingsbury	GK	5'9	
2	Trinity Rodman	F	5'8	
3	Casey Krueger	D	5'7	
4	Lena Silano	F	5'7	
5	Annaïg Butel	D	5'6	INTL - FRA
6	Kate Wiesner	D	5'7	
7	Croix Bethune	M	5'3	
8	Makenna Morris	M	5'5	
9	Tara McKeown	D	5'8	
11	Ouleymata Sarr	F	5'9	INTL - FRA
12	Andi Sullivan	M	5'7	
13	Brittany Ratcliffe	F	5'4	
14	Gabrielle Carle	D	5'6	INTL - CAN
16	Courtney Brown	M	5'4	
17	Hal Hershfelt	M	5'8	
18	Lyza Bosselmann	GK	5'10	
20	Civana Kuhlmann	F	5'6	SEI
21	Anna Heilferty	D	5'10	
22	Heather Stainbrook	M	5'4	
26	Paige Metayer	M	5'10	
27	Riley Tanner	M	5'7	
28	Nicole Barnhart	GK	5'10	
33	Ashley Hatch	F	5'9	
39	Chloe Ricketts	M	5'1	

PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES



AUBREY KINGSBURY | 1

Goalkeeper

Status

Active

Hometown

Cincinnati, OH

Age

32

Date of Birth

11/20/1991

Height

5' 9"

College

Wake Forest

Last Club

Orlando Pride

PROFESSIONAL

2023

Started all 20 matches in which she appeared, playing 1,799 minutes in goal. Secured four clean sheets and had a save success rate of 75.9% and a goals against average (GAA) of 1.20. Made her 100th regular season appearance in the season opener on March 26. Became the sixth goalkeeper in NWSL history to achieve each of the following milestones: 10,000 career regular season minutes, 400 career regular season saves and 30 regular season clean sheets.

2022

Started all 19 matches in which she appeared in goal, playing 1,710 minutes. Secured three clean sheets and had a save success rate of 68.9% and a goals against average (GAA) of 1.58.

2021

Started all 25 matches, playing a total of 2,310 minutes. Secured nine clean sheets, 80 saves and had a save success rate of 78.4% and a GAA of 0.86. Named to the NWSL Team of the Month in October and earned the 2021 NWSL Goalkeeper of the Year award for the second time. Part of the 2021 NWSL Championship team, named 2021 NWSL Championship Game MVP.

2020

Started all nine Challenge Cup and Fall Series matches, playing a total of 810 minutes. Secured three clean sheets, 20 saves and had a save success rate of 66.7% and a GAA of 0.8 in the Challenge Cup. In the Fall Series, had a save success rate of 75% and a GAA of 1.0.

2019

Started all 24 matches, playing a total of 2,149 minutes. Secured nine clean sheets, 86 saves, and had a save success rate of 77.5% and a GAA of 1.05. Named to the NWSL Team of the Month in the months of May, June and August, and was named the 2019 NWSL Goalkeeper of the Year.

2018

Traded to the Washington Spirit before the season began. Finished her first season as a member of the Spirit with an NWSL regular season record 108 saves. Tallied four clean sheets on the season and made a career-high ten saves in her Spirit debut in the club's regular season opener on March 24 against Seattle Reign FC. Won back-to-back NWSL Save of the Week awards in Weeks 5 and 6 and was named the NWSL Player of the Week for Weeks 11 and 12.

2017 (ORLANDO PRIDE)

Started 11 games for Orlando during the regular season, earning two clean sheets and racking up 36 saves. Earned a pair of NWSL Save of the Week honors, in Week 9 and Week 12. Joined Australian side Sydney FC on loan during the NWSL's 2017-2018 offseason to compete in the Westfield W-League.

2016 (ORLANDO PRIDE)

Selected by the Orlando Pride in the 2016 NWSL Expansion Draft and appeared in one game during the 2016 NWSL season.

2015 (SKY BLUE FC)

Played in one game for Sky Blue FC (now NJ/NY Gotham FC) before joining Danish club Fortuna Hjørring on loan. Signed with Sky Blue FC as a discovery player.

INTERNATIONAL

2023

Called-up to the U.S. Women's National Team (USWNT) for the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup, her first-ever World Cup roster

2022

Capped for the USWNT for the first time. Started in her first appearance, recording a clean sheet.

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY

Finished a storied career as a four-year starter at Wake Forest from 2010-13 earning All-America honors for three consecutive years. Earned First Team All-ACC honors her senior year, the third consecutive year earning All-ACC honors and her second time earning First Team honors. Became the first player in program history to make the Capital One Academic All-American team and set a single-season program record with 14 shutouts her sophomore season in 2011.

PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES



TRINITY RODMAN | 2

Forward

Status

Active

Hometown

Newport Beach, CA

Age

21

Date of Birth

05/20/2002

Height

5' 8"

College

Washington State

PROFESSIONAL

2023

Started all 19 matches in which she appeared, playing a total of 1,635 minutes. Finished first on the team with 61 shots and 31 shots on target and tied for second on the team with five goals. Became the youngest player in NWSL history to record 10 assists and 10 goals in a regular season career and the youngest player in Spirit history to make 50 appearances with the team. Named to the 2023 NWSL Best XI Second Team.

2022

Appeared in 18 regular season matches (16 starts), playing a total of 1,502 minutes. Finished second on the team with four goals. Also started in all eight Challenge Cup matches, adding four goals in those appearances. Nominated for the Ballon d'Or Féminin in 2022, recognizing the best players in women's soccer around the world.

2021

Appeared in 25 matches (22 starts, regular season and playoffs combined), playing a total of 2,054 minutes. Scored seven goals and added seven assists. Recorded 40 key passes and 36 shots on goal. Named to the Team of the Month in October and became the 2021 NWSL Rookie of the Year presented by Ally. Assisted on game-winning goal in 2021 NWSL Championship. world.

INTERNATIONAL

2023

Appeared in 16 matches (10 starts), playing 954 minutes. Added four goals and three assists on the year. Called up for the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup, making her first World Cup appearance at the Australia/New Zealand tournament.

2022

Capped for the USWNT for the first time. Appeared in ten matches (two starts), playing 343 minutes. Scored two goals, including her first senior team goal in a 9-0 victory over Uzbekistan. Became the first teenager to score a goal for the USWNT since 2018 and the 31st all-time.

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

Pac-12 season was canceled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Played in seven matches in the CONCACAF Women's U-20 Championship and scored nine goals.

2023 KEY NOTES

- Became the first player in NWSL history to record 10 career regular season goals and 10 assists before turning 21.

- Her 3' goal on 6/3/23 vs. LOU was the earliest of her NWSL career (all competitions) and the earliest ever scored in an NWSL match at Audi Field. The previous best was 4' by Sophia Smith in the 2022 NWSL Championship.

- Had 17 touches in the opponent's 18-yard box on 6/3/23 vs. LOU, a new club record (has been tracked since 2016). Rose Lavelle had the previous mark of 14, set on July 24, 2019.

- With a start on 6/3/23, she made her 50th career appearance with the Spirit -- the youngest player in club history to do so.

- Tied a career high 8 shots at RGN (10/06/23).

FAST FACTS

- Older brother, DJ, plays basketball at the University of Southern California.

- Middle name: "Rain"

- Watch: [10 Things Trinity Rodman Can't Live Without!](#)

PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES



CASEY KRUEGER | 3

Defender (“CREW-ger”)

Status

Active

Hometown

Naperville, IL

Age

33

Date of Birth

08/23/1990

Height

5' 7”

College

Florida State

Last Club

Chicago Red Stars

PROFESSIONAL

2023 (CHICAGO RED STARS)

Started all 20 matches, playing 1,709 minutes. Added two assists and 29 tackles. Logged the only 3-assist game in Challenge Cup history and just the sixth three or more assist performance in league history in all competitions on August 5, 2023 vs. HOU.

2022 (CHICAGO RED STARS)

Missed the 2022 season due to pregnancy. Her son, Caleb, was born in July of 2022.

2021 (CHICAGO RED STARS)

Started all 16 matches in which she appeared, playing 1,440 minutes. Logged her first career Iron Woman season. Scored one goal and tallied 20 tackles on a 75% tackle success rate.

2020 (CHICAGO RED STARS)

Appeared in five matches (four starts), playing 413 minutes and scored one goal..

2019 (CHICAGO RED STARS)

Started all 23 matches, playing 2,054 minutes – a single-season career high. Scored two goals and added a single-season career high three assists. Became the first player in NWSL history to earn Team of the Month honors the entire season.

2018 (CHICAGO RED STARS)

Limited to nine appearances (eight starts) after missing the first 10 games of the NWSL season due to an ankle injury. Played 653 minutes and scored one goal.

2017 (CHICAGO RED STARS)

Appeared in 22 matches (21 starts), playing 1,915 minutes. Scored one goal and added one assist. Named to NWSL Team of the Month in May, June, and July. Earned Best XI honors.

2016 (CHICAGO RED STARS)

Started all 20 matches, playing 1,781 minutes. Scored two goals on only 16 shots. Named to the NWSL's Second XI Team..

2015 (AVALDSNES IDRETTSLAG)

Appeared in 27 matches for the Norwegian side. Honored as one of the Top 11 in the Norwegian Toppserien League..

2014 (CHICAGO RED STARS)

Did not play due to a season-ending injury.

2013 (CHICAGO RED STARS)

Did not play due to a season-ending injury.

INTERNATIONAL

2023

Appeared in five matches (two starts) for the USWNT, playing 228 minutes.

2021

Appeared in 5 matches (three starts), playing 189 minutes. Added two assists. Earned her first Olympic team call-up for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

2020

Appeared in one match, playing 30 minutes as a substitute in the final of the 2020 SheBelieves Cup.

2019

Appeared in four matches (two starts), playing 247 minutes.

2018

Appeared in eight matches (two starts), playing 271 minutes. Added one assist. Competed in both the Tournament

of Nations and the CONCACAF Women's Championship..

2017

Appeared in 15 matches (13 starts), playing 1,116 minutes — all career single-year career highs in International Play. Added one assist.

2016

Appeared in 15 matches (13 starts), playing 1,116 minutes — all career single-year career highs in International Play. Added one assist.

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

A dynamic defensive weapon for the Seminoles throughout her five years at Florida State (2008-12). Earned All-ACC Freshman Team honors in 2008 before being recognized on the All-ACC Second Team in 2010 and 2012. Finished her Florida State career tied for first in program history with 11 assists in ACC play. Played under current Spirit President of Soccer Operations/General Manager and three-time NCAA championship-winning coach, Mark Krikorian. Was teammates with Spirit legend, Tori Huster, for four seasons.

PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES



LENA SILANO | 4

Forward (“LEAN-uh // sil-AH-no”)

<u>Status</u>	Active
<u>Hometown</u>	Agoura Hills, CA
<u>Age</u>	24
<u>Date of Birth</u>	02/28/2000
<u>Height</u>	5’ 7”
<u>College</u>	Long Beach State

PROFESSIONAL

2023

Appeared in 12 matches (three starts), playing 303 minutes. Added one assist. Started in all six Challenge Cup games. Joined Ashley Hatch, Trinity Rodman, Ashley Sanchez and Andi Sullivan as the only Spirit players with a goal and an assist in the same Challenge Cup season. Became the third Spirit player (Kelley O’Hara & Trinity Rodman) to have multiple assists in a single Challenge Cup.

LONG BEACH STATE UNIVERSITY

Altered the Long Beach State University record books in her four years (2018-22). Named Big West Offensive Player of the Year and First Team All-Big West her senior year. Earned First Team All-Big West and Second Team United States Soccer Coaches All-West Region her junior year. Ranked tied for fifth in the country with six game-winning goals in 2021. Became one of nine players in program history with double-digit goals in a single season.

2023 KEY NOTES

- Made NWSL debut in 2023 season opener vs. OL Reign on 3/26/23.
- Started in all Challenge Cup games, including her first career start vs. Gotham (4/19/23).
- Earned her first professional assist with her 54th minute corner kick serve to Tara McKeown’s head on 6/14 vs. NC (Challenge Cup). Followed that four days later with her first career regular season assist that set up a Paige Metayer header off corner service.

PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES



ANNAÏG BUTEL | 5

Defender (“an-nah-EEG // BOO-tell”)

Status

International - FRANCE

Hometown

Ivry-sur-Seine, Val-de-Marne, Paris, France

Age

32

Date of Birth

02/15/1992

Height

5' 6"

Last Club

Paris FC

PROFESSIONAL

2023

Appeared in seven matches (five starts), playing 463 minutes. Acquired in July of 2023 following her season in France. Added one assist on the season.

2008 - 2023 (PARIS FC)

Butel appeared in 272 matches with Paris FC (known as Juvisy until 2017) across 15 seasons from 2008 to 2023, scoring ten goals in that span. Prior to joining Paris FC, Butel appeared in 15 matches and scored five goals for Juvisy B.

INTERNATIONAL

Has appeared in 10 matches for the France senior national team, scoring two goals across 748 minutes of action. Represented France at the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup. Appeared in 54 matches for various France youth national teams, scoring two goals. Was part of the France U-19 team that won the 2020 UEFA Women's Under-19 Championship.

PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES



KATE WIESNER | 6

Defender (“Weez-ner”)

<u>Status</u>	Active
<u>Hometown</u>	Monrovia, CA
<u>Age</u>	23
<u>Date of Birth</u>	02/11/2001
<u>Height</u>	5’ 7”
<u>College</u>	Penn State

PENN STATE UNIVERSITY

An elite defender throughout her five seasons at Penn State University. Finished her collegiate career playing 1,689 minutes, the most of her career, and earning both Third Team All-Big Ten and Big Ten All-Tournament Team honors. Tallied three consecutive Academic All-Big Ten recognitions (2020-2022) and was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District Team in 2022.

KEY NOTES

- The 7th overall pick in the 2024 NWSL Draft.
- She has been a staple on the U.S. Youth National Teams, making the U-15, U-17, U-19 and U-23 rosters.
- Played with teammate and fellow first-year player, Croix Bethune, at the youth national team level.
- Majored in, and is interested in, journalism while at Penn State.

PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES



CROIX BETHUNE | 7

Defender (“kruh-oy // beh-thune”)

Status

Active

Hometown

Alpharetta, GA

Age

23

Date of Birth

03/14/2001

Height

5' 3"

College

USC (Ca.) - 2019-22

Georgia - 2023

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA & UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

A standout midfielder for two programs – University of Southern California (2019-2022) & University of Georgia (2023) – during her five-year collegiate career. Following an injury her freshman season, earned three consecutive First Team All-Pac 12 (2020-2022) honors and culminated her career with a Second Team All-SEC recognition in 2023. Won Pac-12 Midfielder of the Year award in back-to-back season (2021-2022) and was celebrated as a MAC Hermann Semifinalist in 2021. Finished collegiate career as the SEC Tournament MVP in 2023.

KEY NOTES

- The 3rd overall pick in the 2024 NWSL Draft.

- Was teammates with fellow Spirit, Tara McKeown, at USC.

- Played with teammate and fellow first-year player, Hal Hershfelt, at the local club level in Atlanta.

- Played with teammate and fellow first-year player, Kate Wiesner, at the youth national team level.

PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES



MAKENNA MORRIS | 8

Forward

Status	Active
Hometown	Germantown, MD
Age	21
Date of Birth	04/26/2002
Height	5' 5"
College	Clemson

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

A versatile player for the Clemson Tigers during her four seasons. Finished her last season leading the Tigers squad with 26 points and a First Team All-ACC honor. Earned All-ACC Freshman Team (2020), Second Team All-ACC (2020), and Third Team All-ACC (2021) honors. Started all but three of her 80 appearances.

KEY NOTES

- The 13th overall pick in the 2024 NWSL Draft.
- Morris played for Bethesda Soccer Club and McLean ECNL, Spirit Alliance Partner Program teams, and attended St. John's College High School in Washington, D.C., earning honors at each stop.
- Played with teammate and fellow first rounder, Hal Hershfelt, at Clemson. Morris and Hershfelt become the sixth pair of college teammates to be drafted by the Washington Spirit in the same draft:
- 2014: Molly Menchel/Shasta Fisher (UVA)
- 2015: Caprice Dydasco/Megan Oyster Montefusco (UCLA)
- 2018: Quinn/Schuyler DeBree (Duke)
- 2019: Jordan Baggett (DiBiasi) /Tegan McGrady (Stanford)
- 2020: Ashley Sanchez/Kaiya McCullough (UCLA)
- 2024: Hal Hershfelt/Makenna Morris (Clemson)
- **WATCH:**
["Germantown native drafted by](#)

PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES



TARA MCKEOWN | 9

Defender ("TEAR-uh // mick-yeown")

Status

Active

Hometown

Newbury Park, CA

Age

24

Date of Birth

07/02/1999

Height

5' 8"

College

USC (Ca.)

PROFESSIONAL

2023

Started all 21 matches in which she appeared, playing a total of 1,833 minutes. Scored one goal and added one assist. Finished the season ranked first in the NWSL in clearances (110). Voted NWSL Player of the Week in June 2023.

2022

Appeared in 12 matches (11 starts), playing a total of 997 minutes. Scored three goals, tied for third on the team. Added an assist while ranking fourth on the team in shots (35) and shots on goal (15).

2021

Appeared in 20 matches (11 starts), playing a total of 950 minutes. Scored one goal and added a single-season high three assists. Part of the 2021 NWSL Championship team.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

A standout for the USC Trojans from 2017-21. Earned the fifth First Team All-American selection in program history. Became the first Trojan to earn Pac-12 Forward of the Year honors. Named a semifinalist for the MAC Hermann trophy, the fifth Trojan to accomplish this feat. Led the Trojans to an NCAA Quarterfinals appearance in 2019 and received Pac-12 All-Freshman honors in 2017.

KEY NOTES

- Transitioned from forward to centerback before the 2023 season.

- Ranked first on the team & NWSL in clearances (109) during the 2024 season. The next closest player had 100.

- With a game-winning goal vs. KC (6/18/23): Scored in all three regular seasons in her career & scored in back-to-back games (all comps) for the second time in her career.

PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES



OULEYMATA SARR | 11

Forward (goes by: “OOH-lay” like: “BOO”)

Status

International - FRANCE

Hometown

Cambrai, France

Age

28

Date of Birth

08/08/1995

Height

5' 9"

Last Club

Paris FC

PROFESSIONAL

2023

Appeared in seven matches (five starts), playing a total of 443 minutes. Scored one goal – her first career NWSL goal – and added an assist.

2021 (PARIS FC)

Appeared in 19 matches (11 starts), playing a total of 1,134 minutes. Scored eight goals and added three assists. Recorded a 44% shot on target to goal conversion rate.

2022 (PARIS FC)

Appeared in 17 matches (seven starts), playing a total of 829 minutes. Scored eight goals. Recorded a 50% shot on target to goal conversion rate.

2021 (BORDEAUX)

Appeared in three matches (two starts), playing a total of 153 minutes. Scored one goal.

2020 (BORDEAUX)

Appeared in 13 matches (nine starts), playing a total 789 minutes. Scored five goals and added two assists.

2019 (LILLE)

Appeared in 16 matches (14 starts), playing a total of 1,302 minutes. Scored five goals and added three assists, tying her single season career high.

2018 (LILLE)

Appeared in 22 matches (20 starts), playing a total of 1,852, a single-season career-high. Scored nine goals, a single-season career high. Added three assists, establishing a single-season career high.

INTERNATIONAL

Called up to the French senior team in 2017. Appeared in 28 matches. Scored nine goals, including a four-goal match against Estonia during 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup qualification last year. Represented the French side at the UEFA Women's Euro 2022.

KEY NOTES

- Signed with the Spirit on June 30th, 2023.

- Logged an assist in her debut, becoming the fourth Spirit player to ever record an assist in their Spirit debut.

- Scored first career NWSL goal on 9/30/23 v. KC.

PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES



ANDI SULLIVAN | 12

Midfielder

Status

Active

Hometown

Lorton, VA

Age

28

Date of Birth

12/20/1995

Height

5' 7"

College

Stanford

PROFESSIONAL

2023

Started all 19 matches in which she appeared, playing 1,706 minutes. Became the fourth player in Spirit history to eclipse 7,500 career regular season minutes with the team.

2022

Limited to 12 regular season matches (ten starts), playing a total of 750 minutes. Scored one goal and added an assist. Started in all four of her Challenge Cup appearances.

2021

Started 22 matches, playing a total of 1,972 minutes. Scored three goals, including the equalizing penalty kick in the NWSL Championship match. Added three assists. Captain of the 2021 NWSL Championship team.

2020

Limited to four matches (all starts), playing a total of 302 minutes. Logged an 83.2% successful pass rate including over 70% in both halves of the field. Forced six interceptions, made five clearances and one block.

2019

Started all 23 matches, playing a total of 2,070 minutes. Scored two goals and added 27 shots and seven shots on goal. Logged an 82.3% successful pass rate, including 90.7% passing accuracy in the defensive half of the field and 70.5% on the offensive side. Named to the Team of the Month in June.

2018

Appeared in 23 matches (22 starts), playing a total of 1,984 minutes. Recorded an 86% successful tackle rate and made 34 interceptions. Logged a 78.9% successful pass rate, making 20 key passes.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY

One of the nation's top players during her four-year career at Stanford (2014-17). Named the 2017 MAC Hermann Trophy Award winner, 2017 Pac-12 Midfielder of the Year, and 2017 TopDrawerSoccer Player of the Year. Recognized as a two-time MAC Hermann Trophy finalist (2016-17), three-time First Team All-American (2015-17) and four-time First Team All-Pac-12 member (2014-17). Earned the 2014 Pac-12 Freshman of the Year and was the 2014 consensus national freshman of the year (TopDrawer-Soccer, Soccer America).

PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES

INTERNATIONAL

2023

Appeared in 15 matches (12 starts), playing a total of 1,093 minutes. Increased her career U.S. Women's National Team (USWNT) caps to 52. Called up for the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup – making her first World Cup appearance at the Australia/New Zealand tournament.

2022

Started in all 15 of her caps, playing a total of 1,126 minutes. Scored one goal and added one assist. Became one of four players to start in 15 or more matches in 2022.

2021

Appeared in six matches (five starts), playing a total of 437 minutes. Scored her first two international goals and added an assist. Was one of the final cuts to the Tokyo Olympic roster.

2020

Started in her lone appearance, playing a full 90 minutes during the COVID-shortened international calendar.

2019

Appeared in four games, playing a total of 145 minutes. Was one of the final cuts to the 2019 World Cup Team.

2018

Started in her four appearances, playing a total of 241 minutes.

2017

Appeared three times (one start), playing a total of 76 minutes.

2016

Capped for the USWNT for the first time. Started in her four appearances, playing a total of 314 minutes. Added two assists.

PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES



BRITTANY RATCLIFFE | 13

Forward

Status

Active

Hometown

Williamstown, NJ

Age

30

Date of Birth

02/07/1994

Height

5' 4"

College

University of Virginia

Last Club

North Carolina Courage

PROFESSIONAL

2023 (NORTH CAROLINA COURAGE)

Appeared in nine matches (five starts), playing 431 minutes. Completed a single-season career high 85.8% of passes and tallied nine shots. Named to the 2023 NWSL UGX Challenge Cup All-Tournament Team after scoring in three consecutive games (two game-winning goals) in Group Stage before helping the team with the tournament Championship.

2022 (NORTH CAROLINA COURAGE)

Appeared in ten matches (three starts), playing 329 minutes. Scored two goals on nine shots. Completed 75% of passes.

2021 (KC CURRENT & NORTH CAROLINA COURAGE)

Moved with the Utah Royals franchise to Kansas City where she appeared in one match, before being picked up by the North Carolina Courage. Then, appeared in 12 matches (two starts), playing 253 minutes. Scored one goal, tallied nine shots, and won 43.9% of duels.

2020 (UTAH ROYALS)

Started all five Challenge Cup matches, playing 325 minutes.

2019 (UTAH ROYALS)

Missed the 2019 season due to injury.

2018 (UTAH ROYALS)

Appeared in ten matches (four starts), playing 366 minutes. Scored two goals, matching a single-season career high. Set a single-season high with 75% shot accuracy rate.

2017 (FC KANSAS CITY)

Appeared in 22 matches (12 starts), playing 1,106 minutes — all single-season career highs. Scored one goal and added two assists, while setting a single-season career high 21 shots and seven shots on target.

2016 (BOSTON BREAKERS)

Selected with the 17th pick in the 2016 NWSL College Draft. Appeared in 15 games (five starts), playing 546 minutes.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

A standout forward in four seasons with the Hoos (2012-15). Earned consecutive All-ACC Third Team honors in her junior and senior seasons, starting all but one game in 49 appearances during that time. Multiple time ACC Player of the Week. Set the University of Virginia record with 11 goals as a substitute her sophomore season. Finished career with six game-winning goals. Recognized on the All-ACC Honor Roll list her junior and senior seasons.

PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES



GABRIELLE CARLE | 14

Defender

Status

International - CANADA

Hometown

Lévis, Quebec, Canada

Age

25

Date of Birth

10/12/1998

Height

5' 6"

Last Club

Kristianstads DFF

College

Florida State

PROFESSIONAL

2023

Started all 22 matches, playing 1,899 minutes. Added one assist. Finished first on the team with 36 interceptions, 32 tackles won, and second on the team with 11 crosses blocked.

2022 (Kristianstads DFF)

Appeared in 22 matches with Kristianstads DFF of the Damallsvenskan, the highest division of women's soccer in Sweden. Played almost 1,900 minutes and tallied two goals and an assist.

KEY NOTES

- Made her first career NWSL start and appearance in the season opener vs. OL Reign (03/26/23).

- Logged first career NWSL assist to T. Rodman on game-winning goal v. KC.

INTERNATIONAL

2023

Has appeared in three matches. Called up for 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup – making her second World Cup roster.

2022

Appeared in seven matches (one start), playing a total of 243 minutes.

2021

Appeared in eight matches (five starts), playing a total of 472 minutes. Won a gold medal with Canada at the 2021 Tokyo Olympic Games.

2020

Appeared in five matches (three starts), playing a total of 262 minutes. Won a silver medal in the CONCACAF Tournament.

2019

Appeared in five matches (two starts), playing a total of 208 minutes. Represented Canada at the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup.

2018

Appeared in one match, playing a total of 32 minutes. Won a silver medal in the CONCACAF Tournament.

2017

Appeared in two matches (one start), playing a total of 72 minutes.

2016

Appeared in five matches (two starts), playing a total of 221 minutes. Scored her first career senior international goal and added her first assist. Won a silver medal in the CONCACAF Tournament.

2015

Capped for the Canadian Women's National Team for the first time at 16 years old. Appeared in two matches (starting one), playing a total of 92 minutes.

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

A two-time NCAA champion during her five-year career at Florida State (2017-21). Played under current Spirit President of Soccer Operations/General Manager and three-time NCAA championship-winning coach Mark Krikorian. Led a Seminole defense that allowed just 13 goals in 25 games, recording 14 shutouts including five in six NCAA Tournament games. Won three ACC Conference Championships in her career. Earned the 2018 NCAA Women's Soccer Elite 90 Award, given to the player at the College Cup with the highest cumulative GPA.



COURTNEY BROWN | 16

Midfield

<u>Status</u>	Active
<u>Hometown</u>	West Haven , UT
<u>Age</u>	23
<u>Date of Birth</u>	11/25/2000
<u>Height</u>	5' 4"
<u>College</u>	University of Utah

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

A leader for the Utah Utes program throughout her five seasons (2019-23). Started all but four of her 94 appearances and finished her career scoring 14 goals and adding 15 assists (tied for seventh in program history). Served as the team's captain in her final three seasons and. Found major success off the pitch, being named to the Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll for four consecutive years.

KEY NOTES

- The 49th overall pick (Round Four) in the 2024 NWSL Draft.
- She is the first Ute to be selected in the NWSL Draft since 2016, when Lindsey Luke was selected by the Seattle Reign.
- Utah native Courtney Brown attended BYU soccer camps throughout her youth. Current teammate and former BYU Cougar, Ashley Hatch, was Courtney's coach at one of these summer soccer camps.

PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES



HAL HERSHFELT | 17

Midfielder

Status

Active

Hometown

Hattiesburg, MS

Age

22

Date of Birth

10/03/2001

Height

5' 8"

College

Clemson

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

An impact midfielder for the Clemson Tigers during her five seasons (2019-23). Earned five All-ACC honors – one First Team All-ACC (2023, two Second Team All-ACC (2021, 2022), one Third Team All-ACC (2020), and ACC All-Freshman Team (2019) – and made starts in all but two of her 99 appearances. Placed on the 2023 NCAA All-Tournament team for her contributions to Clemson’s run to the NCAA Semifinal.

KEY NOTES

- The 5th overall pick in the 2024 NWSL Draft.
- Played with teammate and fellow first-year player, Croix Bethune, at the local club level in Atlanta.

PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES



LYZA BOSSELMANN | 18

Goalkeeper (“LIE-za // BOZZ-el-man”)

Status	Active
Hometown	Flagstaff, AZ
Age	22
Date of Birth	07/27/2001
Height	5' 10”
College	Gonzaga University

PROFESSIONAL

2023

Did not appear during the 2023 season.

GONZAGA UNIVERSITY

A steady presence in goal for Gonzaga University during her four-year career (2019-23). Named the West Coast Conference (WCC) Goalkeeper of the Year in her senior season and subsequently earned First Team All-WCC and First Team All-WCC Women’s Soccer Academic recognition. Recognized on the All-WCC Freshman Team and was named WCC Defensive Player of the Week several times throughout her career. Owned a 10-3-5 record her senior year, with shutouts in 10 of her 18 games.

PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES



CIVANA KUHLMANN | 20

FORWARD (“Savannah” // “kull-man”)

Status

Active

Hometown

Denver, CO

Age

24

Date of Birth

04/14/1999

Height

5' 6"

College

Stanford & Colorado

PROFESSIONAL

2023

Appeared in seven matches, playing a total of 72 minutes. Started in all six Challenge Cup games. Season cut short by knee injury in July.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY

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COLORADO UNIVERSITY

Played on two national championship teams during her five seasons at Stanford (2017-21) and spent her sixth year of eligibility at Colorado (2022). Started her college career as part of an NCAA and Pac-12 Championship team in 2017. Named to the All-Pac-12 Freshman team. Won three consecutive Pac-12 championships from 2017-19 and won a second NCAA championship in her junior season (2019). Earned Third Team All-Pac-12 and Pac-12 Academic Honor Roll recognition in 2020, the season she tied for the most goals on the team (4) – all of which were game-winning goals. Finished her career at Colorado and was named an Academic All-American.

PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES



ANNA HEILFERTY | 21

Defender (“Hal-ferty”)

Status	Active
Hometown	Falls Church, VA
Age	24
Date of Birth	04/17/1999
Height	5' 4"
College	Boston University

PROFESSIONAL

2023

Missed the entire 2023 season after suffering a season-ending knee injury in preseason.

2022

Appeared in 21 regular season matches (18 starts), playing a total of 1,486 minutes – fourth-best on the team. Added two assists and landed nearly half (5) of her 11 shots on goal. Appeared in all eight Challenge Cup matches, starting five.

2021

Appeared in 22 matches (eight starts), playing a total of 893 minutes. Logged a 75.7% successful pass rate, including 81.4% in the defensive half. Part of the 2021 NWSL Championship team.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

A Patriot League standout for the Terriers during her four-year career (2017-20). Named to both All-Patriot League First Team (2018) and All-Patriot League Second Team (2019). Recognized on the coveted MAC Hermann Trophy Watchlist in 2019. Chosen as Patriot League Tournament MVP in 2018. Voted Patriot League Rookie of the Year in 2017.

PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES



HEATHER STAINBROOK | 22

Midfielder

Status	Active
Hometown	Sandy, UT
Age	23
Date of Birth	03/14/2001
Height	5' 4"
College	Utah Valley University

UTAH VALLEY UNIVERSITY

A stalwart in the midfield at Utah Valley during her five-year career (2019-23). Finished career with 102 appearances, starting all but one match, and Utah Valley's all-time career goal scorer (40) and points getter (105). Played a full 90 in UVU's first-ever NCAA Tournament victory in any sport in 2020. Led the program to its first-ever WAC regular season championship in 2020 and followed up with two more in 2022 and 2023. Recognized on the All-WAC Freshman Team (2019) and finished career with three consecutive First Team All-WAC honors (2021-2023).

KEY NOTES

- Signed a three-year rookie deal after joining the Spirit as a non-roster invitee during preseason camp .

PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES



PAIGE METAYER | 26

Midfielder (“muh-TAY-er”)

<u>Status</u>	Active
<u>Hometown</u>	Irvine, CA
<u>Age</u>	23
<u>Date of Birth</u>	09/23/2000
<u>Height</u>	5' 10"
<u>College</u>	California (Berkeley)

PROFESSIONAL

2023

Started in all 21 matches in which she appeared, playing a total of 1,847 minutes. Scored three goals – all headers off corners – and added one assist. Ranked first in the NWSL in goals off corners and second in headed goals. Named the NWSL’s Rookie of the Month for June.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKLEY

A reliable midfielder for the University of California Golden Bears during her four-year career (2018-2021). Started in all available games for three consecutive years (2019-21). Named to CoSida Academic All-District Second Team in 2020 and 2021. Earned Pac-12 Academic Honor Roll honors in three consecutive years (2019-21). Led Golden Bears freshmen with two goals in 2018.

PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES



RILEY TANNER | 27

Forward

Status

Active

Hometown

Caledonia, MI

Age

24

Date of Birth

10/15/1999

Height

5' 7"

College

Alabama University

PROFESSIONAL

2023

Did not appear in the regular season. Appeared in two Challenge Cup games (one start). Recorded her first career NWSL assist in a May Challenge Cup match.

INTERNATIONAL

2023

Scored first international goal of career in the semifinal of the Play-Off Tournament against Papua New Guinea, helping send Panama to its first ever World Cup. Appeared in three World Cup matches (two starts), playing 208 minutes

ALABAMA UNIVERSITY

An important piece on two SEC programs – South Carolina (2018-21) and Alabama (2021-22) – in her five seasons of collegiate soccer. Earned Second Team All-SEC honors in 2022. Tallied eight assists in 2022, fourth all-time in Alabama history. Left the South Carolina program with the fifth-best career shot percentage (22.6%). Became the first Gamecock to score in three straight NCAA Tournament matches.

PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES



NICOLE BARNHART | 28

Goalkeeper

Status

Active

Hometown

Gilbertsville, PA

Age

42

Date of Birth

10/10/1981

Height

5' 10"

College

Stanford

PROFESSIONAL

2023

Appeared in three matches (two starts), playing a total of 181 minutes. Recorded ten saves. Became the second-oldest player to appear in an NWSL game behind Christie Pearce and the oldest goalkeeper to play in the NWSL. Extended her NWSL record of 56 career clean sheets (all competitions).

2022

Did not appear in a match.

2021 (FC KANSAS CITY)

Appeared in six matches (five starts), playing a total of 460 minutes. Recorded a clean sheet. Logged a 1.57 goals-against-average (GAA).

2019 (UTAH ROYALS)

Started all 24 matches, playing a total of 2,160 minutes. Was an Iron Woman, not missing a single minute of game time. Recorded ten clean sheets. Logged a 1.04 GAA.

2018 (UTAH ROYALS)

Appeared in eight matches (seven starts), playing a total of 648 minutes. Recorded three clean sheets. Logged a 0.69 GAA.

2017 (FC KANSAS CITY)

Started all 24 matches, playing a total of 2,160 minutes. Was an Iron Woman, not missing a single minute of game time. Recorded six clean sheets. Logged a 1.29 GAA.

2016 (FC KANSAS CITY)

Started all 20 matches, playing a total of 1,800 minutes. Was an Iron Woman, not missing a single minute of game time. Recorded six clean sheets. Logged a 1.00 GAA.

2015 (FC KANSAS CITY)

Started 17 matches, playing a total of 1,530 minutes. Recorded clean sheets in nearly half (8) of the season. Logged a 0.94 GAA.

2014 (FC KANSAS CITY)

Started all 22 matches, playing a total of 1,935 minutes. Recorded eight clean sheets. Logged a 1.35 GAA.

2013 (FC KANSAS CITY)

Started in 20 matches, playing a total of 1,800 minutes. Recorded 10 clean sheets. Logged a 0.95 GAA.

2006-2012

Played professionally in the WPSL and the WPS prior to the formation of the NWSL.

INTERNATIONAL

Appeared in 53 matches for the U.S. Women's National Team (USWNT). Made her debut in 2004. Called up to the USWNT for the 2007 FIFA Women's World Cup and 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup as well as the 2008 Beijing Olympics and the 2012 London Olympics.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY

A prestigious goalkeeper at Stanford University (2000-04). Earned First Team All-American honors twice and All-Pac-12 honors consecutively from 2002 to 2004. Holds school records for lowest career GAA (0.41), lowest single-season GAA (0.19) and single-season shutouts (18).

PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES



ASHLEY HATCH | 33

Forward

Status

Active

Hometown

Lorton, VA

Age

28

Date of Birth

12/20/1995

Height

5' 7"

College

BYU

Last Club

North Carolina Courage

PROFESSIONAL

2023

Started all 22 matches, playing a total of 1,838 minutes. Led the team – finishing third in the NWSL – with nine goals. Scored five penalty kicks on five attempts, extending her perfect seven-for-seven mark from the spot and setting a Spirit record. Became the first player in NWSL history with four penalty kicks on the road in one season. Became the second player (all competitions) to record a brace and assist in the same game.

2022

Appeared in 18 matches (16 starts), playing a total of 1,468 minutes. Scored nine goals, a team high. Totaled 40 shots and 20 shots on goal. Established a single-season career high 50% shots on target average. Started seven of eight Challenge Cup games, notching a team-high six goals through those contests.

2021

Appeared in 23 matches (21 starts), playing a total of 1,890 minutes. Scored ten regular season goals, winning the NWSL Golden Boot. Scored the game-winning goal in extra time of the Spirit's quarterfinal match against North Carolina. Started each playoff match enroute to winning the 2021 NWSL Championship.

2020

Appeared in seven matches (six starts), playing a total of 520 minutes. Scored one goal and added an assist. Recorded seven key passes and nine shots on target. Logged a 78.4% successful pass rate. Named 2020 Spirit Humanitarian of the Year following her creation of the program "Boots from Pros."

2019

Started all 24 matches, playing a total of 2,096 minutes. Scored seven goals and added 52 shots and 26 shots on goal, all team-highs. Logged a 76.5% successful pass rate. Named to Team of the Month in May.

2018

Started 22 matches, playing a total of 1,927 minutes. Scored four goals, earning the Spirit's team Golden Boot award. Recorded 19 key passes.

2017 (NORTH CAROLINA COURAGE)

Appeared in 24 matches (15 starts), playing a total of 1,373 minutes. Scored seven goals, tying an NWSL record for goals in a rookie season. Added an assist. Named the 2017 NWSL Rookie of the Year.

PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES

INTERNATIONAL

2023

Appeared in seven matches (one start), playing a total of 232 minutes. Scored one goal. Increased her career USWNT cap count to 21.

2022

Appeared in ten matches (two starts), playing a total of 309 minutes. Scored two goals and added one assist.

2021

Started in two matches, playing a total of 144 minutes. Scored two goals, her first international goals.

2018

Made one appearance, playing a total of ten minutes.

2016

Capped for the USWNT for the first time. Appeared in one match, playing a total of 16 minutes.

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

A decorated BYU Cougar from 2013-16. Scored 47 goals and added 21 assists during her career. Earned First Team All-WCC honors. Reached ten- and 15-goal milestones during the 2016 NCAA season faster than any player in the nation. Named finalist for the MAC Hermann Trophy in 2016.

PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES



CHLOE RICKETTS | 39

Forward

Status

Active

Hometown

Dexter, MI

Age

16

Date of Birth

05/23/2007

Height

5' 1"

PROFESSIONAL

2023

Appeared in 11 matches (two starts), playing a total of 288 minutes. Scored her first career NWSL goal in July Challenge Cup match, becoming the youngest player to score a goal in an NWSL match (16 years, 2 months, 5 days).

YOUTH

Signed with the team in March of 2023, becoming the then-youngest contracted player in NWSL history at 15 years old. Competed for AFC Ann Arbor in 2022 after becoming the youngest player in the youth club's history at 14. Played with the 2007 Boys Ann Arbor Tigers that won the Michigan State Cup in 2021 and the National League Great Lakes Conference as well as the 2006 Girls team that advanced to the Elite Clubs National League finals.

KEY NOTES

- Made her NWSL debut against the NC Courage (4/15/23), her first start in the team's Challenge Cup game vs. ORL (5/10/23), and first regular season start at SD (7/8/23).
- Scored her first career NWSL goal on 7/28/23 vs. NJ/NY, becoming the youngest player to score a goal in an NWSL match at 16 years, 2 months, 5 days, breaking Olivia Moultrie's mark of 16 years, 8 months, 26 days.
- Her first career assist came on 5/10/23 vs. ORL (CC).

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