

# CHICAGO STARS FC

## 2026 MEDIA GUIDE



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# SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	STADIUM	TIME (C.T.)	BROADCAST
Sunday, March 15	Angel City FC	BMO Stadium	6:00 p.m.	Victory+
Sunday, March 22	Kansas City Current	Northwestern Medicine Field at Martin Stadium	1:00 p.m.	ESPN2, ESPN App
Wednesday, March 25	Orlando Pride	Northwestern Medicine Field at Martin Stadium	7:00 p.m.	Victory+
Saturday, March 28	San Diego Wave FC	Snapdragon Stadium	7:45 p.m.	ION
Friday, April 3	Utah Royals FC	America First Field	8:00 p.m.	NWSL+
Saturday, April 25	Boston Legacy FC	Northwestern Medicine Field at Martin Stadium	5:30 p.m.	ION
Wednesday, April 29	Gotham FC	Northwestern Medicine Field at Martin Stadium	7:00 p.m.	Victory+
Sunday, May 3	Portland Thorns FC	Northwestern Medicine Field at Martin Stadium	Noon	ESPN2, ESPN App
Sunday, May 10	Kansas City Current	CPKC Stadium	11:30 a.m.	ESPN, ESPN App
Saturday, May 16	North Carolina Courage	First Horizon Stadium	5:30 p.m.	ION
Sunday, May 24	Bay FC	PayPal Park	4:00 p.m.	ESPN App
Sunday, May 31	San Diego Wave FC	Northwestern Medicine Field at Martin Stadium	Noon	CBS Sports Network
Sunday, July 5	Utah Royals FC	Northwestern Medicine Field at Martin Stadium	4:00 p.m.	CBS Sports Network
Friday, July 10	Boston Legacy FC	Centreville Bank Stadium	7:00 p.m.	NWSL+
Saturday, July 18	Angel City FC	Northwestern Medicine Field at Martin Stadium	5:30 p.m.	ION
Friday, July 24	Orlando Pride	Inter&Co Stadium	7:00 p.m.	Victory+
Saturday, August 1	Racing Louisville FC	Lynn Family Stadium	3:00 p.m.	CBS Sports Network
Sunday, August 9	Bay FC	Northwestern Medicine Field at Martin Stadium	6:00 p.m.	Victory+
Friday, August 14	Seattle Reign FC	Lumen Field	9:00 p.m.	Victory+
Wednesday, August 19	Houston Dash	Shell Energy Stadium	7:00 p.m.	CBS Sports Network
Sunday, August 23	Racing Louisville FC	Northwestern Medicine Field at Martin Stadium	1:00 p.m.	CBS Sports Network
Saturday, August 29	Denver Summit FC	Centennial Stadium	7:45 p.m.	ION
Sunday, September 6	North Carolina Courage	Northwestern Medicine Field at Martin Stadium	3:00 p.m.	CBS Sports Network
Sunday, September 13	Portland Thorns FC	Providence Park	6:00 p.m.	Victory+
Sunday, September 20	Washington Spirit	Northwestern Medicine Field at Martin Stadium	4:00 p.m.	ESPN, ESPN Deportes, ESPN App
Friday, September 25	Gotham FC	Sports Illustrated Stadium	7:00 p.m.	Prime Video
Sunday, October 4	Denver Summit FC	Northwestern Medicine Field at Martin Stadium	3:00 p.m.	CBS Sports Network
Sunday, October 18	Seattle Reign FC	Northwestern Medicine Field at Martin Stadium	6:00 p.m.	Victory+
Friday, October 23	Houston Dash	Northwestern Medicine Field at Martin Stadium	7:00 p.m.	Victory+
Sunday, November 1	Washington Spirit	Audi Field	4:00 p.m.	TBD

*Indicates home matches*

# FRONT OFFICE

Karen Leetzow	President
Cate McManmon	Chief Strategy and Finance Officer
Elizabeth Endy	Director of Finance and Accounting
Meygan Echols	Staff Accountant
Grace Bergin	Manager, Strategy & Special Projects
Kay Bradley	Chief Marketing Officer
Seth Foster	Director, Game Presentation & Broadcast Operations
Sabrina Alsaffar	Associate Director, Brand & Marketing
Tyler Detorie	Manager, Digital Marketing
Margot Ricketts	Senior Coordinator, Marketing
Shanna-kaye Samuels	Senior Coordinator, Consumer Products
Luis Leyva	Associate Director, Communications, Content & Broadcast
Dylan Abeles	Manager, Digital Media
Andrea Correa Guzmán	Manager, Social Media
Anna Schmitt	Coordinator, Communications
Cristian Pacheco	Senior Manager, Graphic Design
Chandra Chipner	Graphic Designer
Gretchen Schneider	Senior Manager, Production
Danny Diaz	Coordinator, Videography
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Sara Arnold	Vice President, Corporate Partnerships
Paul Gugliucci	Senior Manager, Partnership Development
Rebecca Nau	Senior Manager, Partnership Activation
Bradley Pyke	Coordinator, Corporate Partnerships
Tiffany Tuckett	Vice President, Human Resources
Dany Ausman	Human Resources Generalist
Skye Watts	HR/Office Assistant

# FRONT OFFICE

Michelle Henstock  
Zachary Simons

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Kyle Rawson  
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Noelle Schmitt  
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Dan Perez  
Eadie Poulsen  
Megan Graham  
Christian Harris  
Bruce Peters  
Matthew Webb  
Ryan Wengler

Director of Facilities and Events  
Head of Turf Management  
Senior Manager, Fan Experience &  
Event Strategy  
Senior Manager, Event & Match Day  
Operations  
Manager, Operations  
Coordinator, Event Operations  
Director of Community and  
Government Relations  
Head of Coaching, Camps, & Clinics  
Administrative Manager, Camps &  
Clinics  
Manager, Community Relations  
Assistant Director, Ticketing  
Manager, Membership Services  
Manager, Ticket Operations  
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# ABOUT CHICAGO STARS FC

The Chicago Stars Football Club is the premier women's soccer club in Chicago. Formerly known as the Chicago Red Stars, the team is a founding member of the National Women's Soccer League along with the Boston Breakers, FC Kansas City, Portland Thorns FC, Seattle Reign FC, Sky Blue FC, Washington Spirit and Western New York Flash. The team received its charter in 2006, chose a name in 2008 and played the first match in 2009 in the Women's Professional Soccer (WPS) league. Following the end of the WPS, the club joined the Women's Premier Soccer League (WPSL) before helping found the NWSL in 2013.

The Chicago Stars played their first three seasons at Benedictine University in Lisle, Illinois, before moving to SeatGeek Stadium in Bridgeview, Illinois. After a decade at SeatGeek Stadium, the club announced it would play the 2026 NWSL season at Northwestern Medicine Field at Martin Stadium in Evanston, Illinois. The Stars have been home for legends of the game including Formiga (BRA), Carli Lloyd, Julie Ertz, Christen Press, Sam Kerr, Lori Chalupny and Megan Rapinoe, who was the club's first draft pick. The team is currently home to Olympic gold medalists Alyssa Naeher, Mallory Swanson and Julia Grosso.

The Chicago Stars have made the NWSL playoffs in eight of the league's twelve seasons (2015-2019, 2021-2023, 2024), second most in league history behind only the Portland Thorns. The Stars made the NWSL Championship match in 2019 and 2021, as well as the first iteration of the league's Challenge Cup in 2020.

In September of 2023, the club came under the stewardship of a new ownership group led by Laura Ricketts, co-owner of the Chicago Cubs. In the first year under the new ownership group, the club appointed former chief legal officer of U.S. Soccer, Karen Leetzow, as club president and brought in Richard Feuz from Switzerland's Servette to serve as general manager. Under new leadership, the team made it back to the playoffs in 2024 after finishing bottom of the table in 2023.

In October of 2024, the club rebranded and changed its name from Chicago Red Stars to Chicago Stars FC. The club also changed its crest while maintaining elements from the previous crest, including the red star that represents the club's players, who are at the heart of organization.

# SOCCER OPERATIONS



## GENERAL MANAGER RICHARD FEUZ

Richard Feuz is the general manager for the Chicago Stars, appointed on February 6, 2024. Prior to joining the Stars, Feuz was the chief executive officer for the Swiss side, Servette Football Club. In addition to serving as the club's CEO, Feuz served as the president and sporting director of the Servette women's team since 2017. As the general manager for the Chicago Stars, Feuz is responsible for leading the soccer operations team including coaches, athletic trainers, high performance, equipment and administrative associates, as well as working with the coaches and assistant general manager to construct a competitive roster.

## ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER BEATRICE CALIANI

Beatrice Caliani joined the Chicago Stars in February 2026, bringing an international background with experience across elite soccer and major global sporting events. Previously Assistant General Manager at OL Lyonnes in France, she collaborated within one of the most successful organizations in women's soccer and worked closely with their former NWSL franchise, Seattle Reign FC, strengthening cross-Atlantic collaboration and operational alignment. Caliani was also involved in the organization of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, UEFA Women's Euro 2025 and worked with the French Football Federation.



## HEAD COACH MARTIN SJÖGREN

Martin Sjögren, a former footballer and Norwegian Women's National Team head coach, was named head coach of the Chicago Stars in August 2025. Before joining Chicago Stars FC, Sjögren spent most of his playing and coaching career in Sweden. After spending time playing in various levels of Swedish league, Sjögren started his coaching career with two years at Östers IF before joining LdB FC Malmö where he served as an assistant coach from 2006-2009 before becoming the team's head coach. With LdB FC Malmö, Sjögren won the Swedish league in two consecutive seasons (2010 & 2011). As head coach of Linköping FC from 2012-2016, Sjögren led them to one third-place finish (2013) and two fourth place finishes (2014, 2015) on the Swedish league table before taking the team through an undefeated season in 2016 and winning the Damallsvenskan league. Following the success at Linköping FC, Sjögren was named head coach of the Norwegian Women's National Team. Norway qualified for the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup under Sjögren and made it to the quarterfinals. Following his time in Norway, Sjögren joined Swedish side, Hammarby IF, and led the team to a third-place finish on the league table, qualifying them for the Champions League before they finished second in 2025.

# SOCCER OPERATIONS

## ASSISTANT COACH ANDERS JACOBSON

Anders Jacobson joined the Chicago Stars alongside longtime colleague, Martin Sjögren, in August 2025, serving as interim head coach for Chicago Stars FC from September 7, 2025, through the end of the 2025 NWSL season. After beginning his career as a youth coach in Sweden in 2007, Jacobson joined Sjögren at Linköping FC in 2013, serving as assistant coach during the team's run of top five finishes in the league, and the team's undefeated season in 2016. Jacobson left Linköping FC at the end of 2016 to join Norway's coaching staff alongside Sjögren where he remained through 2022. In 2023, Jacobson was named head coach of Linköping FC and led the team to a third-place finish qualifying them for the Champions League. Jacobson most recently served as the head of analysis for BK Häcken.



## ASSISTANT COACH KARINA BÁEZ

Karina Báez is in her third year as assistant coach for the Chicago Stars. Báez now serves as the assistant coach of analytics for the club after working with the Mexican Women's National Team as a scout. Prior to working with the national team, the coach worked with Pachuca and Tigres women's teams in the Liga MX Femenil league. With both teams, Báez served as an assistant coach and helped coach the under-15 and under-17 teams. In 2021, Báez was named the head coach for Pumas UNAM's women's team where she was head coach for one year.

## GOALKEEPER COACH DANIEL BALL

Daniel Ball joined the Chicago Stars in January 2025 and brings more than a decade of experience to Chicago, including more than three years in the NWSL. Before coaching at Gotham FC and, most recently, Angel City FC, Ball served as an assistant coach and/or goalkeeper coach at Milligan College, Concordia University, Bowling Green State, Iowa State and Nebraska.



## ASSISTANT COACH MARIANA CABRAL

Coach Mariana Cabral joins the Stars from Utah Royals FC, where she served as an assistant coach for the 2025 NWSL season and was the former head coach at Sporting Clube de Portugal. Before she began her coaching career, she played professionally in Portugal until she hung up her boots to become a journalist. In 2021, Cabral put her journalism career aside to become head coach of Sporting Clube de Portugal. While she led the team, Sporting finished second in the league for two consecutive years, adding another Supertaça de Portugal Feminina title in August 2024 before Cabral headed stateside to join the Utah Royals.



# SOCCER OPERATIONS

Juliet Barnes

Director of Medical

Dr. Joshua Blomgren

Chief Medical Officer / Head Team Physician

Dr. Brian Cole

Team Physician / Orthopedic Surgeon

Sebastian Larsson

Head of High Performance

Kirsty Frick

Strength & Conditioning Coach

Madeline Torretta

Head Athletic Trainer

Martin Perez

Athletic Trainer

Ali Lenhoff

Assistant Athletic Trainer

Jasmine Green

Physical Therapist

Claire Cimino

Dietician

Darryl Magee

Head Equipment Manager

Abby Platt

Assistant Equipment Manger

Rhys Parker

Data & Video Analyst

Olivia Wynn

Director of Soccer Operations & Player Care

Sophie Wixcey

Player Care Coordinator

Fonsi Cespedes

Chief Scout

Jim Ryle

Director of Security



# STADIUM AND FACILITIES

## **NORTHWESTERN MEDICINE FIELD AT MARTIN STADIUM - EVANSTON, ILLINOIS**

Situated on the shores of Lake Michigan, Northwestern Medicine Field at Martin Stadium is the 2026 home of Chicago Stars FC in addition to Northwestern football, lacrosse and soccer. The upgraded facility began operation ahead of the 2024 season. It will continue to serve as Northwestern football's primary home during the construction of the new Ryan Field.

The site opened as Lanny and Sharon Martin Stadium, part of the Leonard B. Thomas Sports Complex, built in 1997, served as the home of Northwestern soccer and lacrosse before being reopened as Northwestern Medicine Field at Martin Stadium in 2024.

The facility is mainly made up of bleachers, with a 5,000-seat grandstand on the north end of the field, over 1,000 bleacher seats on the east end, and 3,000 additional bench seats on the west side, as well as 100 loft chairs and 100 stools above. The South end of the field features 16 open-air suites that comprise the two levels of premium, all-inclusive club seating and 2,000+ premium seatbacks.

The facility's rapid construction in just 65 days is an engineering marvel of its own and has paid off, with praise coming from both the press and the public on social media. Dan and Susan Jones Family Head Football Coach David Braun said to The Athletic, "I would challenge anyone in the country to get a bunch of people together to be this creative to pull something off like this. Honestly, I think it's only something that could be pulled off by a place like Northwestern."

## **PARKING**

Parking can be purchased online when you purchase match tickets or upon arrival. Lots open three (3) hours prior to kickoff.

## **BOX OFFICE**

The Ticket Office will be open three (3) hours prior to the event and is located near the North Gate inside the Henry Crown Sports Pavilion at 2311 N Campus Drive Evanston, IL 60208. The Ticket Office will remain open through the first half of each match.

## **TAILGATING**

Tailgating is permitted on the rop deck of the Lakeside Structure lot or surface lots West of Sheridan Road. All parking lots open three hours before each home match. Tailgating is not allowed on lakefront beaches or lawns on Northwestern's campus.

# ALL-TIME HONORS

## Goal of the Week

2025

- Ludmila (Week 12, 17)
- Alyssa Naeher (Week 16)

2024

- Mallory Swanson (Week 14, 15)
- Jameese Joseph (Week 16)

2019

- Sam Kerr (Week 16)

2018

- Christen Press (Week 5, 14)
- Sofia Huerta (Week 6)
- Vanessa DiBernardo (Week 10)
- Julie Ertz (Week 19)

2017

- Christen Press (Week 3, 4, 8, 18)

## Assist of the Week

2025

- Jameese Joseph (Week 4)
- Taylor Malham (Week 16)

## Save of the Week

2025

- Alyssa Naeher (Week 21, 24, 26)

2024

- Alyssa Naeher (Week 1, 15, 24)
- Tatum Milazzo (Week 4, 5)
- Natalia Kuikka (Week 18)

2023

- Alyssa Naeher (Week 8, 9)
- Casey Krueger (Week 20)

2019

- Alyssa Naeher (Week 23)

2018

- Alyssa Naeher (Week 6)

2017

- Alyssa Naeher (Week 5, 14)
- Danielle Colaprico (Week 7)

## Save of the Week (cont.)

2016

- Alyssa Naeher (Week 17, 18)

## Player of the Week

2025

- Ludmila (Week 17)

2023

- Casey Krueger (Week 18)

2022

- Mallory Swanson (Week 4)

2021

- Mallory Swanson (Week 3, 9)
- Sarah Woldmoe (Week 15)

2019

- Yuki Nagasato (Week 3)
- Sam Kerr (Week 5, 6, 11, 14, 16, 23)

2018

- Sofia Huerta (Week 4)
- Yuki Nagasato (Week 10)
- Sam Kerr (Week 15, 23)

2017

- Christen Press (Week 6)

2016

- Alyssa Naeher (Week 5)
- Sofia Huerta (Week 9)

2015

- Christen Press (Week 2)
- Sofia Huerta (Week 5, 6)
- Karina LeBlanc (Week 21)

2013

- Lori Chalupny (Week 10)
- Jen Hoy (Week 19)

## Player of the Month

2025

- Ludmila (August)

2019

- Sam Kerr (May, September)

## Player of the Month (cont.)

2018

- Sofia Huerta (April)
- Sam Kerr (August)

2016

- Alyssa Naeher (May)

2015

- Christen Press (April)
- Sofia Huerta (May)

## Best XI of the Month

2025

- Ludmila (August)
- Sam Staab (August, October/November)

2024

- Alyssa Naeher (March/April)
- Sam Staab (March/April, May)

2023

- Casey Krueger (August)

2022

- Mallory Swanson (May, June)
- Tatum Milazzo (July)

2021

- Morgan Gautrat (July, September, October)
- Mallory Swanson (July)
- Tiarna Davidson (September)
- Casey Krueger (September)
- Sarah Gorden (October)

2019

- Sam Kerr (April, May, July, September)
- Casey Krueger (April, May, June, July, August, September)
- Yuki Nagasato (April, May, September)
- Vanessa DiBernardo (July)
- Sarah Gorden (July)
- Morgan Gautrat (September)
- Julie Ertz (September)
- Alyssa Naeher (September)

# ALL-TIME HONORS

## **Best XI of the Month (cont.)**

- 2018
- Sofia Huerta (April)
  - Alyssa Naehler (June)
  - Yuki Nagasato (June, July)
  - Sam Kerr (July, August)
  - Katie Naughton (July)
  - Vanessa DiBernardo (August)

## **Best XI – First Team**

- 2022
- Mallory Swanson

- 2021
- Sarah Gorden

- 2019
- Julie Ertz
  - Sam Kerr
  - Casey Krueger

- 2018
- Sam Kerr
  - Casey Krueger

- 2017
- Casey Krueger
  - Christen Press

- 2016
- Christen Press
  - Arin Wright

- 2015
- Julie Ertz
  - Christen Press

- 2013
- Lori Chalupny

## **Best XI – Second Team**

- 2022
- Tatum Milazzo

- 2021
- Mallory Swanson

## **Best XI – Second Team (cont.)**

- 2019
- Alyssa Naehler
  - Yuki Nagasato

- 2018
- Julie Ertz

- 2017
- Danielle Colaprico
  - Julie Ertz
  - Sofia Huerta

- 2016
- Danielle Colaprico
  - Vanessa DiBernardo
  - Julie Ertz
  - Casey Krueger
  - Alyssa Naehler

- 2015
- Danielle Colaprico
  - Sofia Huerta
  - Arin Wright

- 2014
- Julie Ertz
  - Christen Press

## **Golden Boot**

- 2019
- Sam Kerr

- 2018
- Sam Kerr

## **Most Valuable Player**

- 2019
- Sam Kerr

## **Rookie of the Year**

- 2015
- Danielle Colaprico

- 2016
- Julie Ertz

## **Challenge Cup**

### **Best XI**

- 2020
- Julie Ertz
  - Casey Krueger

### **Player of the Week**

- 2022
- Mallory Swanson (Week 1)

# NUMERICAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POSITION	HEIGHT	DATE OF BIRTH	HOMETOWN
1	Alyssa Naeher	GK	5'9"	4/20/1988	Stratford, CT
3	Sam Staab	D	5'7"	3/28/1997	San Diego, CA
4	Jenna Bike	F	5'6"	2/2/1998	Trumbull, CT
5	Michelle Alozie	D	5'7"	4/28/1997	Apple Valley, CA
6	Kathrin Hendrich	D	5'9"	4/6/1992	Eupen, Belgium
7	Julia Grosso	M	5'7"	8/29/2000	Vancouver, B.C, Canada
8	Jameese Joseph	F	5'7"	5/3/2002	Beltsville, MD
9	Mallory Swanson	F	5'4"	4/29/1998	Highlands Ranch, CO
10	Brianna Pinto	M	5'5"	5/24/2000	Durham, NC
11	Nádia Gomes	F	5'6"	11/9/1996	Viseu, Portugal
12	Natalia Kuikka	D	5'6"	12/1/1995	Kemi, Finland
13	LeiLanni Nesbeth	M	5'4"	7/17/2001	St. David's, Bermuda
14	Taylor Wood	D	5'10"	5/20/1999	Broken Arrow, OK
15	Elise Evans	D	5'7"	12/16/2004	Redwood City, CA
16	Manaka Hayashi	M	5'4"	8/16/2004	Hyōgo, Japan
18	Ivonne Chacón	F	5'10"	10/12/1997	Bogotá, Colombia
20	Bea Franklin	M	5'10"	10/4/2000	Seattle, WA
22	Halle Mackiewicz	GK	5'10"	9/24/2001	Broomfield, CO
23	Micayla Johnson	F	5'6"	1/18/2008	Troy, MI
24	Ryan Gareis	F	5'7"	1/2/2001	Naperville, IL
25	Aaliyah Farmer	D	5'9"	10/27/2003	Tustin, CA
26	Taylor Rath	D	5'10"	4/26/2002	Las Vegas, NV
27	Katie Atkinson	GK	6'1"	11/27/1996	Plano, TX
28	Emma Egizii	M	5'4"	3/6/2003	Downey, CA
34	Tessa Dellarose	M	5'5"	4/2/2004	Grindstone, PA
77	Maitane	M	5'9"	3/13/1995	Águilas, Spain
99	Jordyn Huitema	F	5'11"	5/8/2001	Chilliwack, B.C, Canada

# ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POSITION	HEIGHT	DATE OF BIRTH	HOMETOWN
5	Michelle Alozie	D	5'7"	4/28/1997	Apple Valley, CA
27	Katie Atkinson	GK	6'1"	11/27/1996	Plano, TX
4	Jenna Bike	F	5'6"	2/2/1998	Trumbull, CT
18	Ivonne Chacón	F	5'10"	10/12/1997	Bogotá, Colombia
34	Tessa Dellarose	M	5'5"	4/2/2004	Grindstone, PA
28	Emma Egizii	M	5'4"	3/6/2003	Downey, CA
15	Elise Evans	D	5'7"	12/16/2004	Redwood City, CA
25	Aaliyah Farmer	D	5'9"	10/27/2003	Tustin, CA
20	Bea Franklin	M	5'10"	10/4/2000	Seattle, WA
24	Ryan Gareis	F	5'7"	1/2/2001	Naperville, IL
11	Nádia Gomes	F	5'6"	11/9/1996	Viseu, Portugal
7	Julia Grosso	M	5'7"	8/29/2000	Vancouver, B.C, Canada
16	Manaka Hayashi	M	5'4"	8/16/2004	Hyōgo, Japan
6	Kathrin Hendrich	D	5'9"	4/6/1992	Eupen, Belgium
99	Jordyn Huitema	F	5'11"	5/8/2001	Chilliwack, B.C, Canada
23	Micayla Johnson	F	5'6"	1/18/2008	Troy, MI
8	Jameese Joseph	F	5'7"	5/3/2002	Beltsville, MD
12	Natalia Kuikka	D	5'6"	12/1/1995	Kemi, Finland
22	Halle Mackiewicz	GK	5'10"	9/24/2001	Broomfield, CO
77	Maitane	M	5'9"	3/13/1995	Águilas, Spain
1	Alyssa Naeher	GK	5'9"	4/20/1988	Stratford, CT
13	LeiLanni Nesbeth	M	5'4"	7/17/2001	St. David's, Bermuda
10	Brianna Pinto	M	5'5"	5/24/2000	Durham, NC
26	Taylor Rath	D	5'10"	4/26/2002	Las Vegas, NV
3	Sam Staab	D	5'7"	3/28/1997	San Diego, CA
9	Mallory Swanson	F	5'4"	4/29/1998	Highlands Ranch, CO
14	Taylor Wood	D	5'10"	5/20/1999	Broken Arrow, OK

# PLAYER BIOS



## 1 ALYSSA NAEHER GK

<b>Pronunciation:</b>	NAY-er	<b>Height:</b>	5'9"
<b>Nationality:</b>	United States	<b>Born:</b>	April 20, 1988
<b>Hometown:</b>	Stratford, CT	<b>Age:</b>	37
<b>Acquired:</b>	Trade 2016	<b>College:</b>	Penn State
<b>Previous Club:</b>	Boston Breakers		

**PROFESSIONAL:** 2025: Captained Chicago in 23 regular-season starts and appearances, tallying 2,069 minutes... Made 75 saves and kept 1 clean sheet... First NWSL goal in stoppage time of Chicago's 3-goal comeback against Seattle August 18, 2025 earned Week 16 Goal of the Week... Won Save of the Week in Weeks 21, 24 and 26... Became the first keeper in NWSL history to record 200 starts, 200 appearances, 60 goalkeeper wins and 45 clean sheets with one club... 2024: Captained the Stars in 24 regular-season starts, accumulating 2,132 minutes... Made 82 saves while earning 6 shutouts... Became the first NWSL goalkeeper to record 15,000 regular-season minutes... Earned the title of first goalkeeper to accrue 50 wins with one club... Became the club leader in regular-season minutes as a Chicago Star, ending the season with 12,752 minutes... Surpassed 600 regular-season career saves... Named to March/April NWSL Best XI... Earned NWSL Save of the Week honors in Weeks 1, 15 and 24... 2023: Captained the team in all 20 regular-season starts, playing 1,800 minutes... earned 3 cleansheets and made 80 saves... Broke the NWSL record for regular-season saves by a goalkeeper on May 27, 2023 with her 519th career regular-season save... Made her 500th career regular-season save and became the first goalkeeper in the NWSL to record 150 regular-season appearances May 12, 2023... Started in all 3 NWSL UKG Challenge Cup appearances, making 9 saves... 2022: Started in all 19 regular-season matches she appeared in, playing 1710 minutes... Earned 7 cleansheets and made 57 saves. Broke the NWSL record for appearances by a goalkeeper on September, 25, 2022, with 142 regular-season appearances, 97 with the Red Stars. Played all 6 games in the NWSL Challenge Cup, making 17 saves... 2021: Started in 8 games, playing 720 minutes. Earned 3 cleansheets... 2020: Started in 10 games, playing 900 minutes. Earned two cleansheets in the NWSL Challenge Cup en route to helping Chicago reach the Championship... 2019: Started in 16 games, playing 1,440 minutes in goal, including the whole 90 minutes in the final against North Carolina... Earned 7 cleansheets, saving 51 shots... Named to NWSL Second XI... Earned Team of the Month in September... Clinched Save of the Week (Wk 23)... 2018: Started and played 23 games, including the semifinal against North Carolina... Earned 7 clean sheets, saving 69 shots... Named to the NWSL Team of the Month in June... Earned Save of the Week and Player of the Week honors for her club record 12 saves against North Carolina in Week 6... 2017: Started and played 23 games, including the semifinal against North Carolina... Earned six cleansheets, saving 64 shots... Earned two NWSL Save of the Week honors... 2016: Acquired via trade by Chicago Red Stars on November 23, 2015 ... In her first game at Toyota Park, she earned her first shutout in a 1-0 victory against Western New York Flash ... Named NWSL Player of the Month in May after a 3-0-2 record during that time, being the only goalkeeper to be named a Player of the Month in 2016 ... Named Player of the Week in Week 5 play after saving five of 12 shots to seal a scoreless draw against Midwestern Rivals, FC Kansas City ... Earned a league-high six clean sheets for the season ... Conceded the least amount of goals against with 20 ... Set an NWSL shutout record with 485 minutes ... Tallied 13 games, 1170 minutes, making 129 saves with 57 on goal, earning a spot on the NWSL Second XI ... 2015: Started 12 of the 12 games she appeared in for the Boston Breakers, logging 1,080 minutes ... Her 65 saves ranked her second in the NWSL ... Named NWSL Player of the Week in Week 17 after a 12-save performance in a 2-1 win at home against the Washington Spirit on Aug. 8 ... The 12 saves tied a career-high for saves in a game for Naehler... 2014: Named NWSL Goalkeeper of the Year ... played in and started all 24 games ... Logged a team-high 2,115 minutes, which also ranked her second in the league ... Won six games ... Set an NWSL record and team record with 106 saves ... Registered three shutouts (seventh most in the NWSL) ... Stopped six of the nine penalty shots she faced ... The six penalty kick saves was the most in NWSL history and a career high ... Named NWSL Player of the Week on Aug. 12, 2014, after a 10-save shutout (2-0) over Portland Thorns FC ... 2013: Started eight of the nine games she appeared in ... Finished with a 4-2-2 record with team-high two shutouts ... Joined the NWSL with the Boston Breakers in May 2013, signing as a free agent after finishing German Bundesliga season with 1. FFC Turbine Potsdam ... 2012: Posted a 16-4-1 record with 10 shutouts, helping 1. FFC Turbine Potsdam earn a berth into the 2013-14 Champions League ... Potsdam finished second in the Bundesliga, four points back of champions VfL Wolfsburg ... 2011: Led Women's Professional Soccer (WPS) with 99 saves ... Finished with a 5-9-4 record with five shutouts ... Had a goal against average of 1.33 ... Started and

played in all 18 games ... Logged 1,620 minutes ... Debut season with Potsdam went 13-2-2 with 11 shutouts in the league and Potsdam won the Bundesliga ... 2010: Drafted by the Boston Breakers in the first round (11th overall) in the WPS Draft ... started all 16 games she played in, logging 1,379 minutes ... Faced 90 shots and made 69 ... Allowed 18 goals for 1.17 goals against average ... Posted a record of 9-4-2 with three shutouts ... Played in one playoff game and made three saves in a loss to the Philadelphia Independence in the WPS Super Semifinal...

**INTERNATIONAL:** 2024: Retired from the United States Women's National Team as one of the best goalkeepers in history... Named to 2024 Best FIFA Women's 11, 2024 Best FIFA Women's Goalkeeper and 2024 U.S. Soccer Female Player of the Year... Earned gold with Team USA in the 2024 Paris Olympics... Started in all 18 appearances for the USWNT out of their 23 matches, including 6 Olympic matches... Recorded 10 shutouts, accumulated 1,710 minutes and earned 100th cap... Became the first goalkeeper in women's soccer history to keep clean sheets in a World Cup Final and an Olympic Final... 2023: Started in all 10 appearances, playing 930 minutes... Recorded 8 cleansheets and a 7-0-3 record... Member of the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup squad... Became the first World Cup goalkeeper, men or women, to score a penalty kick during the U.S.-Sweden shootout on August 6, 2023... 2022: Played and started in 8 matches, recording a 7-1-0 record, with 5 cleansheets. Started in the 2022 CONCACAF W Championship game against Canada that the U.S. won 1-0, helping U.S. qualify for the 2024 summer Olympics. In the group stage, Naehler started in the match against Jamaica that the U.S. won 5-0, claiming the top of their group and securing a spot in the 2023 World Cup. Named to the U.S. SheBelieves Cup roster, playing in 1 match against New Zealand ... 2021: Started in all 6 games for the WNT at the 2020 Olympics. Earned a Bronze medal... 2020: Started in 7 games for the WNT, earning a cleansheet in all 7 matches. Helped the U.S.A. qualify for the 2020 Olympics and won the 2020 SheBelieves Cup. 2019: Played and started 19 games, won the FIFA World Cup with the WNT, starting in all seven matches... 2018: Started all three SheBelieves Cup matches, conceding just one goal... Earned seven shutouts, including four during the CONCACAF Women's Championship... Totaled 15 caps during WNT's unbeaten 2018 run... 2017: Started in the first WNT match of the year during the SheBelieves Cup, earning a 1-0 shutout against FIFA ranked number two Germany on March 1 ... Totals 13 caps and seven shutouts for the U.S. as of April 10, 2017... 2016: Started and earned the shutout and win on Feb. 15 vs. Puerto Rico ... Earned her fourth career start and shutout vs. Colombia on April 10 ... Played the second Olympic homecoming match on Sept. 18 vs. the Netherlands, and again on Oct. 19 vs. Switzerland, earning the 4-0 shutout ... She wrapped up the year in goal during the final WNT match of 2016 with a 5-0 victory vs. Romania ... 2015: Member of the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup champion U.S. Women's National Team ... Second cap came on Aug. 19, 2015, in Chattanooga, Tenn. She played 45 minutes, coming on at the start of the second half of a 7-2 win over Costa Rica ... Third appearance came on Sept. 20, 2015, an 8-0 win over Haiti in Birmingham, Ala. She came on in the second half and played 45 minutes ... Her second and third appearances came during the USWNT's Victory Tour following the 2015 World Cup ... 2014: First appearance came on Dec. 18, 2014, in the International Tournament of Brasilia. She started and made one save in a 7-0 win over Argentina ... Called into three U.S. Women's National Team camps in 2014, the first coming in March for the Algarve Cup in Portugal ... Second call-up came in August ahead of the Aug. 20, 2014 game against Switzerland.

# PLAYER BIOS



## 2

# SAM ANGEL

## D

<b>Pronunciation:</b>	N/A	<b>Height:</b>	5'8"
<b>Nationality:</b>	United States	<b>Born:</b>	October 26, 2000
<b>Hometown:</b>	St. Charles, MO	<b>Age:</b>	25
<b>Acquired:</b>	Discovery 2025	<b>College:</b>	Iowa State University
<b>Previous Club:</b>	IFK Norrköping		

**PROFESSIONAL:** 2026: Loaned to Boston Legacy FC through July 30... 2025: Made club debut against Corinthians SC in Teal Rising Cup (July 12, 2025)... Started in 3 of 4 regular-season appearances, playing 201 minutes... Started in both Teal Rising Cup appearances, playing 153 minutes... Acquired by Chicago Stars FC from IFK Norrköping... Played and started in the first 12 matches of the Damallsvenskan league and scored 1 goal...2024: Earned Ironwoman status by playing every available minute in the Damallsvenskan league...Played and started in all 26 regular-season matches and scored 2 goals...Signed with IFK Norrköping...Drafted by Racing Louisville FC in fourth round of NWSL Draft....

**COLLEGE:** 2023: First player from Iowa to be drafted into the NWSL...Served as team captain... Finished career at Iowa as all-time leader in minutes (8,322), matches played (97) and starts (96)...Set program records for shutouts (13) and goals against average (.76)...recorded 1 goal and 3 assists... played 1,957 minutes...2022: Served as team captain... Played all 18 matches for Iowa...logged 1,552 minutes for the season...recorded one goal and one assist...2021: Appeared in 20 matches with 19 starts...recorded 1,749 minutes on the season...tallied two goals and three assists...2020: Started 16 matches and played 1,405 minutes...recorded 1 assist...

## 3

# SAM STAAB

## D

<b>Pronunciation:</b>	STAH-b	<b>Height:</b>	5'7"
<b>Nationality:</b>	United States	<b>Born:</b>	March 28, 1997
<b>Hometown:</b>	San Diego, CA	<b>Age:</b>	28
<b>Acquired:</b>	Trade 2024	<b>College:</b>	Clemson
<b>Previous Club:</b>	Washington Spirit		



**PROFESSIONAL:** 2025: Appeared in all 26 regular-season matches, starting in 25... Recorded 2 goals and 4 assists across 2,164 minutes played... Scored first-ever direct free kick goal in club history September 7, 2025... Named to Best XI of the Month in August and October/November... Made 1 Teal Rising Cup start and appearance, playing 46 minutes... 2024: Acquired by the Chicago Stars January 12, 2024, via a trade with the Washington Spirit... Started and played all 1,440 minutes of 16 regular-season appearances... Scored 1 goal and assisted 2 others... Broke NWSL record for consecutive starts (94) and became first player to become part of the Century Club with consecutive starts... Named to back-to-back NWSL Best XI of the Month's in March/April and May... Started in 1 Summer Cup match, playing 89 minutes... 2023: Only Washington Spirit player to earn Iron Woman status, the fourth time in her five-season career while starting and playing all 1,980 minutes of 22 regular-season matches... Recorded 1 goal and 1 assist on the season... Started in all 6 NWSL Challenge Cup matches, playing all 450 minutes of the tournament and scoring 1 goal... 2022: Started all 22 regular-season matches, playing all 1,980 minutes of the season to earn Iron Woman status for third time in her four-season career... completed 1,136 passes with a completion percentage of 77.6%... scored one goal, extending her streak of scoring at least one goal in every professional season of her career... Started in all 7 NWSL Challenge Cup appearances, playing a full 630 minutes... 2021: Started all 22 games... Played 1,895 minutes... Had an 84.4 percent successful pass rate, including a 90.9 percent passing accuracy in the defensive half of the field... Was named to the Team of the Month in October... Made 1 11-minute appearance in Challenge Cup play... 2020: Started all nine matches... played a total of 810, not missing a single minute in the year... had a successful passing rate of over 85%, including over 90% of accuracy in the defensive half of the field in both competitions, made seven tackles, forced eight interceptions and scored a late equalizer in the Challenge Cup... Was awarded the 'Defender of the Year' award by the club. 2019:

Started all 24 matches... led the team with a total of 2,160 minutes played, not missing a single minute of game time... Recorded 1 goal and 1 assist... Had an 84 percent successful pass rate, including 91.9 percent passing accuracy in the defensive half of the field... Was named to the Team of the Month in the months of May and June.

**INTERNATIONAL:** 2024: Earned first senior USWNT call-up in May... Made international debut against South Korea June 1... Earned second cap and first USWNT start June 4... Totaled 120 minutes across 2 matches... 2018: Played for U.S. U-23 National Team... Started all three games in 2018 Nordic Tournament... Scored a championship-clinching goal against Norway in 2018 Nordic Tournament

**COLLEGE:** Had a distinguished collegiate career with over four seasons at Clemson playing in over 80 games and tallying 7,360 minutes of playing time. Scored five goals and assisted on 33 scores. Senior Year: Tallied 1 goal, 11 assists, and 13 points... Named ACC Defensive Player of the Year... Named to All-ACC first team...United Soccer Coaches All-Atlantic Region Team... Team co-captain... United Soccer Coaches Scholar All-South Region first team. Junior Year: Started all 19 games... Logged team-high 1,802 minutes...Tallied 4 assists (all on game-winning goals)... Part of a defensive core that only allowed 15 goals with 9 shutouts... named to All-ACC second team. Sophomore Year: Started all 23 games... Lead ACC in assists (11) and minutes played (2,084)... Scored two of her five total goals... Named to NSCAA All-Region team and All ACC second team. Freshman Year: Started all 20 games... Led team in assists (7)... Scored 2 goals... Named to ACC All-Freshman team, and All-ACC Team... Awarded Rookie of the Year at 2016 Clemmy's...

# PLAYER BIOS



## 4

# JENNA BIKE

## F

<b>Pronunciation:</b>	N/A	<b>Height:</b>	5'6"
<b>Nationality:</b>	United States	<b>Born:</b>	February 2, 1998
<b>Hometown:</b>	Trumbull, CT	<b>Age:</b>	28
<b>Acquired:</b>	Waiver Wire 2023	<b>College:</b>	Boston College
<b>Previous Club:</b>	Gotham FC		

**PROFESSIONAL:** 2025: Appeared in 8 regular-season matches, making 6 starts and playing 433 minutes... Appeared in 2 Teal Rising Cup matches, making 1 start and totaling 87 minutes played... 2024: Appeared in 23 regular-season matches, making 15 starts. Recorded 1 goal and 2 assists across 1,332 minutes played... Started in all 3 Summer Cup matches, playing 264 minutes and scoring 1 goal... 2023: Made 16 regular-season appearances, starting in 2 and playing 424 minutes... Appeared in all 6 Challenge Cup matches, starting in 3 and recording 303 minutes... 2022: Joined Gotham FC as a national team replacement player... made 9 appearances... Debuted July 2 against the Chicago Stars

**COLLEGE:** Made 89 appearances at Boston College and made 88 starts... Scored 10 goals and made 10 assists while at Boston College... Served as team captain twice (2020, 2021)... tied for 6th all-time in appearances... All-New England First Team (2021 & 2018)... ACC Co-Offensive Player of the Week (Oct. 27, 2020)... Named BC's Freshman Scholar-Athlete of the Year at the Golden Eagles Award Program in May, 2016...

## 5 MICHELLE ALOZIE

## D

<b>Pronunciation:</b>	uh-LOW-zee-eh	<b>Height:</b>	5'7"
<b>Nationality:</b>	Nigeria	<b>Born:</b>	April 28, 1997
<b>Hometown:</b>	Apple Valley, CA	<b>Age:</b>	28
<b>Acquired:</b>	Trade 2026	<b>College:</b>	Tennessee
<b>Previous Club:</b>	Houston Dash		



**PROFESSIONAL:** 2025: Appeared in 20 regular-season matches, starting in 5... Recorded 1 goal across 647 minutes played... 2024: Played in 24 regular-season matches... Started in 14... Recorded 1 assist... Totaled 1,347 minutes played... 2023: Named player of the week Oct. 4... Played in 17 regular-season matches... Started in 13 matches... Scored 4 goals and recorded 1 assist... Totaled 1013 minutes... Played and started in 2 Challenge Cup matches... Totaled 148 minutes in the Challenge Cup... 2022: Played in 10 regular-season matches and made 1 start... scored 2 goals... Totaled 253 minutes played... Played and started in the Dash's playoff match... played a full 90 minutes in the playoff match... Scored first NWSL goal June 3 against Orlando Pride... Played in two Challenge Cup matches and made 1 start... Totaled 61 minutes in the Challenge Cup... 2021: Played 4 matches and totaled 114 minutes in the regular season... Joined Houston Dash August 2021...

**INTERNATIONAL:** 2025: Received a FIFPRO World XI Nomination... WAFCON Best XI of the Tournament... 2024: Played and started in 8 matches... Scored 1 goal... Totaled 700 minutes played... Named to Nigeria's Olympic Team... 2023: Played and started in five matches for Nigeria... Recorded 1 assist... Totaled 477 minutes played... Named to CAF Best XI... Played every minute of 2023 World Cup until eliminated in round of 16... Named to Nigeria's World Cup roster... 2022: Played in 10 matches and started in 7... Totaled 732 minutes played... 2021: Played 3 matches and started in 2... Scored 1 goal... Totaled 206 minutes... Earned debut for Nigeria in June 2021...

**COLLEGE:** 2019: Appeared in 17 matches for the Tennessee Lady Vols, starting in 7... Played 839 minutes and scored 3 goals... 2015-2018: Appeared in 49 matches for the Yale Bulldogs, starting in 46 and playing 3,765 minutes... Scored 19 goals and made 13 assists...

# PLAYER BIOS



## 6 KATHRIN HENDRICH D

<b>Pronunciation:</b>	HEND-rick	<b>Height:</b>	5'9"
<b>Nationality:</b>	Germany	<b>Born:</b>	April 6, 1992
<b>Hometown:</b>	Eupen, Belgium	<b>Age:</b>	33
<b>Acquired:</b>	Discovery 2025	<b>College:</b>	N/A
<b>Previous Club:</b>	VfL Wolfsburg		

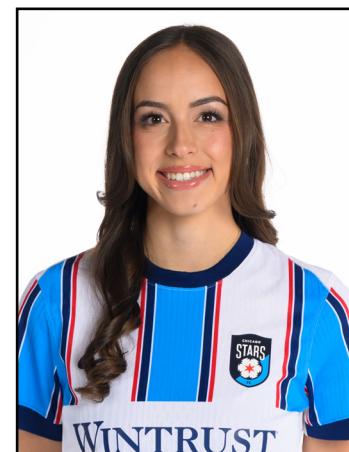
**PROFESSIONAL:** 2025: Played in 13 regular-season matches and made 12 starts... Totaled 1,097 minutes played... Signed with the Chicago Stars June 11... 2024-25 (Wolfsburg): 16 appearances... 13 starts... 1,099 minutes played... 5 Champions League appearances... 2023-24 (Wolfsburg): Started in 19 of 20 appearances... 1,473 minutes played... 2022-23 (Wolfsburg): Started in all 21 appearances... 1,830 minutes played... 1 assist... Started in all 11 Champions League appearances... 1,020 minutes played... 2021-22 (Wolfsburg): Bundesliga champion... Started in 19 of 20 appearances... 1,591 minutes played... 2 goals... 1 assist... Started in all 10 Champions League appearances... 872 minutes played... 2020-21 (Wolfsburg): Signed with Wolfsburg July 1... Started in 14 of 15 appearances... 1,129 minutes played... 2 goals... 3 assists... 5 Champions League appearances... 3 starts... 301 minutes played... 2019-20 (Bayern Munich): Started in 17 of 19 appearances... 1,447 minutes played... 2 goals... 3 Champions League appearances... 2 starts... 200 minutes played... Started in all 4 Champions League appearances... 360 minutes played... 2018-19 (Bayern Munich): 21 appearances... 18 starts... 1,679 minutes played... 1 goal... Started in all 7 Champions League appearances... 630 minutes played... 2017-18 (FFC Frankfurt): Started in all 22

appearances... 1,977 minutes played... 2 goals... 2016-17 (FFC Frankfurt): Started in all 22 appearances... 1,968 minutes played... 1 goal... 2014-16 (FFC Frankfurt): 42 appearances... 1 goal... 15 Champions League appearances... 2009-2014 (Bayer Leverkusen): 100 appearances... 4 goals...

**INTERNATIONAL (Germany)** 2025: Started in 2 of 8 appearances... 550 minutes played... Named to Germany's UEFA Women's EUROs roster... 2024: Olympic Bronze medalist... 15 appearances... Appeared in all 6 of Germany's matches at 2024 Paris Olympics... 531 minutes played... 2023: Started in all 12 appearances, including 3 World Cup matches... 1,062 minutes played, including all 270 World Cup minutes... 3 assists... 2022: 11 appearances... 10 starts... 980 minutes played... 1 assist... Named to Germany's UEFA Women's EUROs roster... 2021: 8 appearances... 1 goal... 2020: 3 appearances... 2019: Started in 9 of 10 appearances... 772 minutes played... 3 goals... 1 assist... 2018: 5 appearances... 2017: 7 appearances... Named to Germany's UEFA Women's EUROs roster... 2016: 6 appearances... 1 goal... 2015: 2 appearances... 2014: Earned first call-up in February 2014... Made international debut March 5, 2014... 6 appearances...

## 7 JULIA GROSSO M

<b>Pronunciation:</b>	GROW-so	<b>Height:</b>	5'7"
<b>Nationality:</b>	Canada	<b>Born:</b>	August 29, 2000
<b>Hometown:</b>	Vancouver, Canada	<b>Age:</b>	25
<b>Acquired:</b>	Discovery 2024	<b>College:</b>	Texas
<b>Previous Club:</b>	Juventus		



**PROFESSIONAL:** 2025: Played in 24 regular-season matches and made 23 starts... Scored 2 goals and recorded 3 assists... Scored first NWSL goal May 10 against Washington Spirit... Totaled 1,993 minutes played... Appeared in 2 Teal Rising Cup matches with 1 start... Played 71 minutes... 2024: Signed with the Chicago Stars on July 8, 2024, debuting August 24... Started and appeared in 10 regular-season matches, playing 857 minutes... Recorded a team-high 88.82 percent passing accuracy... 2023-24: Won second Supercoppa Italiana with Juventus... Started in all 21 matches played for Juventus in the Italian Serie A, accumulating 1648 minutes... Scored 6 goals and recorded 1 assist in league play with 37 shots... Started in both UEFA Women's Champions League matches played for Juventus, seeing the pitch for 145 minutes... Started and appeared in 1 Supercoppa Italiana match, playing 89 minutes... 2022-23: Named Serie A Midfielder of the Season and won second Coppa Italia with Juventus... Started in 16 of 20 appearances, scoring 3 goals and totaling 7 assists across 1336 minutes... Recorded game-winning goal April 16, 2023... Started in 3 of 4 Coppa Italia matches, recording 305 minutes and 1 goal... Started in 8 of 9 Champions League matches, totaling 733 minutes... Started in 1 Supercoppa Italiana match for Juventus, playing 65 minutes... 2021-22: Signed with Juventus mid-season in December 2021... Completed the domestic treble with Juventus, winning the Supercoppa Italiana, Coppa Italia and Serie A Championship... Appeared in 9 league matches, with 7 starts and 574 minutes after debuting January 16, 2022... Made 3 starts and played 289 minutes with 5 appearances in the Coppa Italia along with 1

66-minute appearance in Women's Champions League play...

**INTERNATIONAL:** 2025: Played in 11 matches making 7 starts for Canada... Scored 2 goals... Totaled 547 minutes... 2024: Played 11 matches for Canada, starting in 3 and playing 425 minutes... Named to 2024 Canada Olympic Women's Soccer Team... 2023: Named to FIFA Women's World Cup team... Appeared in 15 total matches, making 9 starts with 769 total minutes and scored 3 goals (including a brace), all in World Cup Qualifying play... Started in all 3 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup appearances, accumulating 174 minutes... 2022: Made 4 starts in 11 appearances, playing 475 minutes... 2021: Selected for 2020 Tokyo Olympics, going on to score gold medal-winning penalty in shootout against Sweden... Made 10 total appearances and 2 starts, accumulating 442 minutes, including 5 appearances, 1 start and 245 minutes in Olympic play... 2020: Appeared in 5 matches with 2 starts and 167 minutes... 2019: Named to 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup roster... Recorded 7 total appearances with 2 starts and accumulating 189 minutes... 2018: Started in 4 of 8 matches played with the senior national team, seeing the pitch for 326 minutes... Started in all 5 matches played for Canada in the CONCACAF Women's under-20 Championships, playing all 450 minutes... 2017: Earned first senior CANWNT call up in November 2017, making international debut at 16 years old on November 12, 2017... 2014-17: Represented Canada at the under-15, -17 and -20 levels from ages 14 through 16...

# PLAYER BIOS



## 8 JAMEESE JOSEPH F

<b>Pronunciation:</b>	juh-MEES	<b>Height:</b>	5'7"
<b>Nationality:</b>	United States	<b>Born:</b>	May 3, 2002
<b>Hometown:</b>	Beltsville, MD	<b>Age:</b>	23
<b>Acquired:</b>	NWSL Draft 2024	<b>College:</b>	NC State
<b>Previous Club:</b>	N/A		

**PROFESSIONAL:** 2025: Played in 21 regular-season matches and started in 16... Scored 4 goals and recorded 2 assists... Totaled 1,398 minutes played... 2024: Drafted by the Chicago Stars with the first pick in the second round of the NWSL College Draft, 15th overall pick of the Draft... Made professional debut March 29 against Orlando... Scored first goal June 28 against San Diego... Appeared in 23 regular-season matches with 9 starts across 1,038 minutes... Recorded 2 goals and 2 assists in rookie season... Earned NWSL Goal of the Week in Week 16... Scored Chicago's only postseason goal... Started in 2 of 3 Summer Cup appearances, seeing the pitch for 178 minutes... Tallied 1 goal and 1 assist in Summer Cup action...

**INTERNATIONAL:** 2026: Scored first international goal January 27, 2026 against Chile... Called up for January international window... 2025: Made USWNT debut November 11, 2025 against Italy... Earned first USWNT call-up in November 2025... Selected to the U-23 roster for October international window... Selected to U-23 roster for April international window... Earned USWNT U-23 call-up in January... 2022: Tabbed for May USWNT U-20 Camp... 2016: First call-up to US Youth National Team camp...

**COLLEGE:** 2023: Started all 17 matches she appeared in... Recorded three goals and one assist... Finished her NC State career ranked eighth in program history with 87 starts and sixth with 237 shots... Earned Third Team All-ACC honors as a senior... 2022: Started all 20 matches for the Wolfpack... Scored a team-high eight goals and recorded two assists... Earned Third Team All-ACC honors... 2021: Started all 20 matches on the year, playing a combined 1,602 minutes... Led the team with nine goals and 20 points... Earned Second Team All-ACC and United Soccer Coaches Atlantic All-Region First Team honors... 2020: Started in seven matches, and missed two due to injury... Scored the team's first goal of the season vs. Old Dominion (2-0 win)... Played the full 90 vs. Duke and logged a combined 603 minutes on the season... Tallied assists on both goals at VCU on Feb. 28... 2019: The only freshman on the team to start all 23 matches, as she logged 1,722 minutes on the year... Two of her three goals were game-winners... Earned ACC All-Freshman and United Soccer Coaches Third Team All-Region honors...

## 9 MALLORY SWANSON F

<b>Pronunciation:</b>	N/A	<b>Height:</b>	5'4"
<b>Nationality:</b>	United States	<b>Born:</b>	April 29, 1998
<b>Hometown:</b>	Highlands Ranch, CO	<b>Age:</b>	27
<b>Acquired:</b>	Trade 2020	<b>College:</b>	N/A
<b>Previous Club:</b>	Sky Blue FC		



**PROFESSIONAL:** 2024: Started and appeared in 24 regular-season matches, playing 2,029 minutes... Led the team with 7 goals (1 PK) and 4 assists... 3 penalties taken, 1 converted... Team-high 8.72 expected goals, 40 shots and 29 chances created... Named to June NWSL Best XI of the Month... Won back-to-back NWSL Goal of the Week in Weeks 14 and 15... Joined Century Club with 100th regular-season career appearance September 29... 2023: Started in 2 of 2 appearances, playing all 180 minutes... Converted a first-half stoppage-time penalty in season opener against San Diego March 26, 2023... 2022: Named to the 2022 NWSL Best XI for the first time. Named to the NWSL Best XI for the months of June and May. Played in 16 matches and started in 13, including a start in the quarterfinals match against San Diego. Led the team in goals and assists with 11 and six. Recorded three braces against Orlando (5/22), Racing Louisville FC (8/27) and Kansas City Current (9/14). Became the fourth player in NWSL history to record a 2 goals and 2 assist match (8/27 against LOU). Her 6 assists tied her for the most assists in the season with NC's Carson Pickett... 2021: Started in 24 games, playing 2,069 minutes in 25 games... Tied for the team lead with 5 goals and 4 assists in the regular season... Scored 1 goal in the post-season... Earned the Chicago Stars' Newcomer of the Year and MVP awards... 2020: Made one appearance for Sky Blue FC in the NWSL Fall

Series, playing 29 minutes... recorded one assist... 2019: started in nine matches for Washington, playing 765 minutes... scored two goals and tallied two assists... 2018: played 15 matches for Washington, playing 1,082 minutes... scored two goals and tallied one assist... 2017: played in 16 matches, playing 1,203 minutes... scored six goals and tallied one assist.

**INTERNATIONAL:** 2024: Recorded 12 starts in 15 appearances, playing 1,113 minutes... Tallied 6 goals and 4 assists, including the gold medal-winning goal at the 2024 Paris Olympics... 2023: Started and appeared in 6 USWNT matches, playing 426 minutes and scoring a team-high 7 goals... 2022: Played in 15 matches for the USWNT and started in 13. Scored 7 goals and recorded 7 assists. Helped the team win the CONCACAF W Championship, qualify for the 2023 World Cup and the 2024 summer Olympics... 2021: Called up to the WNT for International Friendlies in September and October... Started in 3 matches, playing in 4 matches... 2019: Won the FIFA Women's World Cup with the U.S. WNT... 2020-2016 She Believes Cup Champion... Youngest player to be called up in U.S. history at 17... Member of the 2016 U.S. Olympic Team... has scored 16 goals and tallied 16 assists in 56 appearances...

# PLAYER BIOS



## 10 BRIANNA PINTO M

<b>Pronunciation:</b>	bree-AH-na PIN-toe	<b>Height:</b>	5'5"
<b>Nationality:</b>	United States	<b>Born:</b>	May 24, 2000
<b>Hometown:</b>	Durham, NC	<b>Age:</b>	25
<b>Acquired:</b>	Free Agency 2026	<b>College:</b>	UNC
<b>Previous Club:</b>	NC Courage		

**PROFESSIONAL:** 2025: Played in 19 regular-season matches... Started in 6... Scored 3 goals... Totaled 570 minutes played... 2024: Played in 20 matches... Started in 9... Scored 3 goals and recorded 2 assists... Totaled 764 minutes played... Played in 4 Summer Cup matches... Started in 1... Played 120 minutes... 2023: Played in 1 playoff match for 27 minutes... Played 10 regular-season matches... Started in 3 matches... Scored 1 goal... Totaled 372 minutes played... Played in 7 Challenge Cup matches and started in 5... Scored 2 goals... Totaled 397 minutes in the tournament... 2022: Played 22 regular-season matches... Started in 17... Scored 1 goal and recorded 2 assists... Totaled 1,453 minutes played... Played in 7 Challenge Cup matches and started in 4... Scored 1 goal... Totaled 347 minutes in the tournament... Traded to NC Courage... 2021: Played 10 regular-season matches... Totaled 195 minutes played... Drafted 3rd overall by Sky Blue FC (Gotham FC)...

**COLLEGE (UNC):** 2020: Played and started in 20 matches... Scored 14 goals and recorded 5 assists... Totaled 1,321 minutes played... First team All-ACC 2019: Played and started in 27 matches... Scored 11 goals... Recorded 6 assists... Totaled 1,801 minutes played... First team All-ACC... MAC Herman Trophy Semifinalist... 2018: Played 26 matches... Started in 25... Scored 6 goals and recorded 8 assists... Totaled 1,904 minutes played... Named to Top Drawer Soccer postseason Freshman Best XI Team... First-team All-ACC... ACC All-Tournament Team... Freshman All-ACC...

## 11 NÁDIA GOMES F

<b>Pronunciation:</b>	GO-msh	<b>Height:</b>	5'6"
<b>Nationality:</b>	Portugal	<b>Born:</b>	November 9, 1996
<b>Hometown:</b>	Viseu, Portugal	<b>Age:</b>	29
<b>Acquired:</b>	Discovery 2024	<b>College:</b>	BYU
<b>Previous Club:</b>	San Francisco Glens SC (USL W)		



**PROFESSIONAL:** 2025: Played in 19 regular-season matches and started in 7... Scored 2 goals and recorded 2 assists... Totaled 649 minutes played... Scored first goal in the NWSL June 7 against Angel City FC... 1 Teal Rising Cup start and appearance, playing 79 minutes... 2024: Signed with the Chicago Stars from USL W club San Francisco Glens SC... Appeared in 9 regular-season matches, making 3 starts and playing 231 minutes... Started in 2 of 3 Summer Cup appearances, playing 167 minutes... 2023: USL W League National Player of the Year... Started all 14 matches for the San Francisco Glens, playing 1,054 minutes... 16 goals scored on the season were third-most in the league, also notched 8 assists... 2018: Drafted by the Orlando Pride with the 23rd overall pick in the NWSL College Draft... Signed by Orlando as a National Team Replacement Player in March...

2023: Called up to Portuguese Women's National Team for September UEFA Women's Nations League group stage matches against France and Norway... 2018: Earned first call-up to Portuguese senior national team for 2018 Algarve Cup in March... Earned first cap for Portugal March 2... Played 70 minutes with 1 start... Scored first international goal March 7... 2013/14: Played 429 minutes across 6 caps with Portugal's under-19 Women's National Team in the 2014 UEFA Women's Under-19 Championship... Earned 5 starts and scored 2 goals...

**COLLEGE:** 2017: Started in all 19 appearances for Brigham Young University, scoring 5 goals and logging 4 assists... 2016: Recorded 6 goals and 12 assists... 2015: Tallied 9 goals and 4 assists... West Coast Conference Player of the Year... Tabbed to NCAA All-America Third Team... 2014: Appeared in 21 matches, scoring 3 goals and finishing with 3 assists...

**INTERNATIONAL:** 2025: Selected to Portugal's roster for UEFA Women's Nations League matches against Spain... 2024: Named to Portugal's roster for UEFA Women's European Championship qualifiers in March 2024...

# PLAYER BIOS



## 12 NATALIA KUIKKA D

<b>Pronunciation:</b>	QWEEK-uh	<b>Height:</b>	5'6"
<b>Nationality:</b>	Finland	<b>Born:</b>	December 1, 1995
<b>Hometown:</b>	Kemi, Finland	<b>Age:</b>	30
<b>Acquired:</b>	Free Agency 2024	<b>College:</b>	FSU
<b>Previous Club:</b>	Portland Thorns FC		

**PROFESSIONAL:** 2025: Played in 7 regular-season matches and started in 5, playing 356 minutes... 2024: Signed by the Chicago Stars January 18, 2024... Started in all 25 appearances for Chicago, tallying 2,062 minutes and 1 assist... League-leader in clearances, recording 142 on the season... Led the team with 1,453 touches, 961 passes, 48 tackles, and 26 blocks... Earned NWSL Save of the Week in Week 18... 2023: Started in 20 of 21 regular-season matches for Portland, playing 1,799 minutes... Recorded 1 goal against Chicago May 21 and tallied 2 assists... Started in 3 of 5 Challenge Cup appearances, logging 297 minutes... Recorded 1 assist in Challenge Cup play against Angel City July 21, 2023... 2022: Won NWSL Championship with Portland... Appeared in 19 regular-season matches, making 16 starts across 1,478 minutes... Recorded 1 goal on June 19, 2022 and had 2 assists during the regular season... Named to the NWSL Team of the Month for June... Appeared in 5 Challenge Cup matches, making 4 starts... Played 353 Challenge Cup minutes and tallied one assist March 26, 2022 against San Diego... 2021: Made 14 starts across 19 regular-season matches, playing 1,369 minutes... Logged first career assist against Orlando on May 26, 2021 after making her regular-season debut May 23, 2021... Won 2021 NWSL Challenge Cup with Portland... Started in all 5 Challenge Cup matches, playing 383 minutes... Named Player of the Tournament after Portland won the 2021 Women's ICC Tournament...

**INTERNATIONAL:** 2025: Played and started in 3 matches for Finland... Scored 1 goal... Played 270 minutes... Selected for Finland's roster for the 2025 UEFA Women's European Championship... 2024: Started in 10 of 11 matches for Finland, recording 945 minutes and 1 goal... 2023: Started in all 11 appearances for the Finland Women's National Team,

playing 945 minutes... 2022: Appeared in all three group games of the 2022 Euros... Started two matches in the Tournoi de France against the Netherlands (Feb. 19) and Brazil (Feb. 22)... 2021: Helped Finland to qualify for UEFA Women's EURO 2022, making their first appearance since 2005... Started and played in matches against Portugal (Feb. 19) and Cyprus (Feb. 23) to earn a qualifying spot... 2020: Appeared in and started two matches, logging 90 minutes in each, both of which were EURO qualifying matches against Scotland resulting in 1-0 wins... Named Finland Female National Player of the Year... 2019: Made five appearances and starts, playing a full 90 minutes in each of those matches... Scored one goal in a 4-0 EURO qualifying match win against Cyprus... 2017: Named Finland Female National Player of the Year.

**COLLEGE:** 2018: Won the NCAA Championship with Florida State... Named to the College Cup All-Tournament Team... United Soccer Coaches All-American Second Team... United Soccer Coaches All-Atlantic Region First Team... All-ACC Second Team... ACC All-Tournament Team... Competed in 24 matches for Florida State in her final season... Registered two goals and an assist on the season... 2017: United Soccer Coaches All-East Region Second Team... All-ACC First Team... Started and played in 17 games... Scored her only goal of the season on August 24 with a penalty kick in the 72nd minute at Samford... 2016: NSCAA All-American Third Team... NSCAA All-Southeast Region First Team... All-ACC Second Team... ACC Tournament MVP... ACC All-Tournament Team... Started in 19 games, recording five assists... 2015: ACC All-Freshman Team... ACC Tournament MVP... ACC All-Tournament Team... Appeared in 19 games at midfielder, including 18 starts... Tallied 17 points on six goals and five assists.

## 13 LEILANNI NESBETH M

<b>Pronunciation:</b>	LAY-lan-EE NEZ-beth	<b>Height:</b>	5'4"
<b>Nationality:</b>	Bermuda	<b>Born:</b>	July 17, 2001
<b>Hometown:</b>	St. David's, Bermuda	<b>Age:</b>	24
<b>Acquired:</b>	NWSL Draft 2024	<b>College:</b>	FSU
<b>Previous Club:</b>	N/A		



**PROFESSIONAL:** 2025: Played in 10 regular-season matches and started in 2, playing 221 minutes... 2024: Drafted by the Chicago Stars with the 10th pick in the first round of the NWSL Draft... First Bermudian to play in the NWSL... Made professional debut March 23... Started in 10 of 18 regular-season appearances, playing 957 minutes of her rookie season... Scored first professional goal May 1... Recorded 1 assist... Started in all 3 Summer Cup appearances, playing 207 minutes... 2018: Made one appearance for Brighton & Hove Albion in the Women's Super League...

**INTERNATIONAL:** 2022: First senior Bermudian Women's National Team call up... Earned 4 caps and scored five goals... Scored a brace in first cap February 22, 2022... Recorded first international hat trick April 12, 2022... 2020: First Bermudian U-20 Women's National Team call up... 2018: First Bermudian U-17 Women's National Team call up...

**COLLEGE:** 2023: Started in all 21 matches played, recording 1,617 minutes of play... Scoring two goals and five assists while helping FSU win the National Championship... 2022: Started all 23 matches, playing 1,809 minutes... Finished the season with six goals and two assists... 2021: Played in 24 matches with 17 starts for a total of 927 minutes... Totaled one goal and three assists, winning the National Championship with FSU... 2020: Started in all 16 matches for the Seminoles during the 2020-21 season, recording 595 minutes... Scored five goals and recorded three assists... 2019: Appeared in 10 matches, logging 1 goal and 1 assist across 198 minutes...

# PLAYER BIOS



## 14 TAYLOR WOOD D

<b>Pronunciation:</b>	N/A	<b>Height:</b>	5'10"
<b>Nationality:</b>	United States	<b>Born:</b>	May 20, 1999
<b>Hometown:</b>	Broken Arrow, OK	<b>Age:</b>	26
<b>Acquired:</b>	Discovery 2023	<b>College:</b>	Arkansas
<b>Previous Club:</b>	Racing Louisville FC		

**PROFESSIONAL:** 2025: Started and appeared in all 26 regular-season matches, playing 2,340 minutes... 2025 Iron Woman...Recorded 1 assist and won Week 16 assist of the week...Played in 2 Teal Rising Cup matches and started in 1 for a total of 93 minutes... 2024: Made 19 regular-season appearances, starting in 16... Played 1,437 minutes, assisting 2 goals and recording a team-high 25 interceptions... Started in all 3 Summer Cup appearances, playing all 270 minutes... 2023: Made 3 regular-season appearances, starting in 2 and recording 217 minutes... Started in all 4 Challenge Cup matches played, accumulating 360 minutes... 2022: Played in 4 matches for Racing Louisville FC...played in 1 match for Louisville in the Challenge Cup...

**COLLEGE:** Played and started in 107 matches for the University of Arkansas...scored 33 goals and recorded 30 assists... First Team All-SEC (2019, 21)... United Soccer Coaches All-Southeast Region Second Team (2019, 21)... United Soccer Coaches All-Southeast Region Third Team (2021)... SEC All-Tournament Team (2017, 20)... SEC Defensive Player of the Week (2021)

## 15 ELISE EVANS D

<b>Pronunciation:</b>	el-EES	<b>Height:</b>	5'7"
<b>Nationality:</b>	United States	<b>Born:</b>	December 16, 2004
<b>Hometown:</b>	Redwood City, CA	<b>Age:</b>	21
<b>Acquired:</b>	Discovery 2026	<b>College:</b>	Stanford
<b>Previous Club:</b>	N/A		



**PROFESSIONAL:** 2025: Signed with Chicago Stars FC...

**INTERNATIONAL** (United States): 2024: Appeared in 5 U-20 Women's World Cup matches, starting in 2... 2023: Captained the U-20 USWNT... Won CONCACAF Women's U-20 Championship... 2020: Spent time on U-16 YNT... 2019: Spent time on U-16 YNT... 2018: Won 2018 CONCACAF Girls' U-15 Championship with the Under-15 Youth National Team...

**COLLEGE:** 2025: ACC champion...ACC Tournament champion... MAC Hermann Trophy Semifinalist...ACC Defensive Player of the Year...United Soccer Coaches All-America first team... TopDrawerSoccer Best XI first team...All-ACC first team...ACC Championship All-Tournament Team...Played and started in 25 matches...Scored 7 goals and recorded 6 assists...Totaled 2,155 minutes played...2024: All-ACC third team...United Soccer Coaches All-Region fourth team...ACC All-Academic Team...Played in and started 16 matches...Recorded 1 assist...Totaled 1,429 minutes...2023: United Soccer Coaches All-Region first team...All-Pac-12 second team...TopDrawerSoccer Best XI third team...Played and started in 25 matches...Scored 2 goals...Totaled 2,191 minutes... Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll...2022: PAC-12 Champion... TopDrawerSoccer National Freshman of the Year...Pac-12 Freshman of the Year...TopDrawerSoccer Freshman Best XI first team...All-Pac-12 first team...All-Pac-12 freshman team...Played and started in 19 matches...Scored 3 goals...Totaled 1,497 minutes played...

# PLAYER BIOS



## 16 MANAKA HAYASHI M

<b>Pronunciation:</b>	Monica hi-YAH-shee	<b>Height:</b>	5'4"
<b>Nationality:</b>	Japan	<b>Born:</b>	August 16, 2004
<b>Hometown:</b>	Hyōgo, Japan	<b>Age:</b>	21
<b>Acquired:</b>	Discovery 2025	<b>College:</b>	Santa Clara
<b>Previous Club:</b>	N/A		

**PROFESSIONAL:** 2025: Signed with the Chicago Stars in January 2025... Played in 17 regular-season matches, starting in 7 and playing 653 minutes... Recorded 1 assist... Appeared in 2 Teal Rising Cup matches, starting in 1 and playing 120 minutes...

**COLLEGE:** 2024: Started in all 9 appearances for Santa Clara, playing 719 minutes...

**INTERNATIONAL:** 2024: Captained the Japanese U-20 youth national team, leading them to runners-up titles in the 2024 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup and 2024 Asian Football Confederation U-20 Women's Asian Cup... 2023: Became captain of Japanese U-20s, leading them to winning the 2023 U-19 Sud Ladies Cup...

## 18 IVONNE CHACÓN F

<b>Pronunciation:</b>	EE-von cha-CON	<b>Height:</b>	5'10"
<b>Nationality:</b>	Colombia	<b>Born:</b>	October 12, 1997
<b>Hometown:</b>	Bogotá, Colombia	<b>Age:</b>	28
<b>Acquired:</b>	Transfer 2025	<b>College:</b>	N/A
<b>Previous Club:</b>	Levante U.D.		



**PROFESSIONAL:** 2025: Signed with Chicago Stars FC in August 2025... Played 5 regular-season matches with 1 start and 178 minutes played... Scored 1 goal and recorded 1 assist... Made NWSL debut September 26 against Kansas City Current... Scored first NWSL goal October 5 against Utah Royals FC... Totaled 178 minutes... 2024/2025: Played in 32 matches... Scored 13 goals... Signed with Levante UD in July 2024... 2023/2024: Played 28 matches and started in 13... Scored 6 goals and recorded 1 assist... Totaled 1,441 minutes played... 2022/2023: Played 26 matches and made 9 starts... Scored 2 goals... Played 999 minutes... Signed with Valencia CF in August 2022... 2020: Won Colombian Championship with Santa Fe

**INTERNATIONAL:** 2023: Played in 2 matches for 16 total minutes... Selected for Colombia's World Cup roster... Played in 2 friendly matches... Totaled 50 minutes... 2022: Played 4 matches with Colombia... Recorded 1 assist... Totaled 163 minutes... Received first call-up to Colombian Women's National Team...

# PLAYER BIOS



## 19 MACKENZIE WOOD GK

<b>Pronunciation:</b>	N/A	<b>Height:</b>	5'9"
<b>Nationality:</b>	United States	<b>Born:</b>	July 4, 2000
<b>Hometown:</b>	Granger, IN	<b>Age:</b>	25
<b>Acquired:</b>	Discovery 2023	<b>College:</b>	Notre Dame
<b>Previous Club:</b>	N/A		

**PROFESSIONAL:** 2026: Loaned to Portland Thorns FC... 2025: Played and started in 1 Teal Rising Cup match, playing 90 minutes and making 5 saves... 2024: Recalled from loan in February... Made NWSL debut May 12... Recorded 3 regular-season appearances and 2 starts with 208 minutes in goal... Made 8 saves with a 66.67 percent save percentage... 2 Summer Cup starts and appearances, playing all 180 minutes and making 4 saves... 66.67 percent save percentage... 2023: ...Loaned to Stade de Reims Féminines of the French D1 Féminine league...Started for the Stars in a friendly match against the Mexican Women's National Team...Signed by the Chicago Stars

**COLLEGE:** 2022: Made 18 starts and appearances for Notre Dame, accumulating a 13-2-3 record... Recorded 42 saves across 1,641 minutes played... 0.60 goals against average ranked her 1st in the ACC and 16th in the NCAA... Northwestern 2018-2021: Played and started in 67 matches...2019: Ranked second in the Big Ten for saves per game, averaging 4.2 per game... Ranked third in the Big Ten for saves, tallying 75 this season ... Named to Big Ten Preseason Honors List ... Named Big Ten Goalkeeper of the Week (10/1)... 2018: Named team Most Valuable Player ... Received three Big Ten Freshman of the Week awards as well as a Big Ten Goalkeeper of the Week award ... Earned Big Ten All-Freshman Team honors ...Named Defensive MVP at Boilermaker Challenge Cup ... Awarded All-Tournament Team honors in both Boilermaker Challenge Cup and Hoosier Challenge Cup

## 20 BEA FRANKLIN M

<b>Pronunciation:</b>	BEE	<b>Height:</b>	5'10"
<b>Nationality:</b>	United States	<b>Born:</b>	October 4, 2000
<b>Hometown:</b>	Seattle, WA	<b>Age:</b>	25
<b>Acquired:</b>	NWSL Draft 2024	<b>College:</b>	Arkansas
<b>Previous Club:</b>	N/A		



**PROFESSIONAL:** 2025: Played in 23 regular-season matches and made 18 starts, playing 1,741 minutes... Scored 3 goals and recorded 1 assist... Appeared in 2 Teal Rising Cup matches, making 1 start and playing 120 minutes... 2024: Drafted by the Chicago Stars with the 13th pick in the third round of the NWSL College Draft, 41st overall pick of the Draft... Made professional debut March 29... Started in 12 of 16 regular-season appearances, playing 1,111 minutes and scoring 1 goal in her rookie campaign... Started in all 3 Summer Cup appearances, logging 267 minutes...

**COLLEGE:** 2023: Led Arkansas in goals (9), assists (9) and points (27) in 2023... Named SEC Midfielder of the Year and SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year... Earned All-SEC First Team Honors... Led SEC in points (27) and assists (9)... Started in all of Arkansas' 22 matches this season and registered 1,695 minutes... Notched

four game-winning goals... Placed on the USC All-Southeast Region first team and the USC All-America second team... Placed on TopDrawerSoccer's postseason Best XI Third Team... 2022: Started in all 22 appearances, playing 1,667 minutes and scoring 5 goals... Notched her first career brace against Ohio State in the second round of the NCAA Tournament (Nov. 18) Named to All-SEC Second Team... 2021: Started in nine games and appeared in 18... Notched one goal in Arkansas' SEC clinching victory at Auburn on Oct. 21... Recorded 844 minutes playing mostly at midfield... 2020: Made 4 appearances and played 95 minutes... 2019: Started in 4 of 15 appearances at Notre Dame, logging 638 minutes... Scored first career goal on Oct. 31...

# PLAYER BIOS



## 22 HALLE MACKIEWICZ GK

<b>Pronunciation:</b>	HAL-ee MACK-uh-witz	<b>Height:</b>	5'10"
<b>Nationality:</b>	United States	<b>Born:</b>	September 24, 2001
<b>Hometown:</b>	Broomfield, CO	<b>Age:</b>	25
<b>Acquired:</b>	Discovery 2025	<b>College:</b>	Clemson
<b>Previous Club:</b>	Trelleborgs FF		

**PROFESSIONAL:** 2025: Played 4 regular-season matches with 3 starts and 271 minutes played... Made 8 saves... Made NWSL debut May 24 against the Kansas City Current... Started and appeared in 1 Teal Rising Cup match, playing 90 minutes... 2024: Signed with the Chicago Stars in December 2024... Signed with Swedish club Trelleborgs FF in August 2024... Made 10 appearances... Drafted 32nd overall by the Kansas City Current...

**INTERNATIONAL:** Previously named to United States Under-15, -17, -19 and -20 Youth National Team rosters...

**COLLEGE:** 2023: Appeared in 25 matches for Clemson, minding the net for 2,231 minutes and making 64 saves... Held a 17-4-4 record with 13 shutouts and a 0.726 goals against average... All-American Selection... United Soccer Coaches All-Atlantic First Team Selection... ACC Goalkeeper of the Year... First Team All-ACC Selection... Top Drawer Soccer Best XI... 2022: Appeared in 18 matches, playing 1,579 minutes... 8-5-5 record with 59 saves and a 1.083 GAA... 2021: Appeared in 3 matches, accumulating 368 minutes and 8 saves with a 1-0-2 record... 2020: Tended goal for 5 matches, recording 502 minutes and 17 saves with a 0.717 GAA...

## 23 MICAYLA JOHNSON F

<b>Pronunciation:</b>	N/A	<b>Height:</b>	5'6"
<b>Nationality:</b>	United States	<b>Born:</b>	January 18, 2008
<b>Hometown:</b>	Troy, MI	<b>Age:</b>	18
<b>Acquired:</b>	Discovery 2025	<b>College:</b>	N/A
<b>Previous Club:</b>	N/A		



**PROFESSIONAL:** 2025: Signed with the Chicago Stars in January 2025... Appeared in 15 regular-season matches, playing 157 minutes and scoring 1 goal... Scored first professional goal against Utah Royals FC October 5... Played in 2 Teal Rising Cup matches and made 1 start... Totaled 87 minutes in the Teal Rising Cup... Made professional debut March 14 against Orlando Pride...

**INTERNATIONAL:** 2025: Nominated for Young Female Player of the Year... Selected to U-17 World Cup... Played in 4 matches and made 3 starts... totaled 303 minutes... scored 3 goals including 1 pk in the shootout against the Netherlands... Recorded 2 assists... Played in the U-17 World Cup Qualifiers... scored 4 goals and recorded 1 assist... Called up to United States Under-17 Women's Youth National Team for January camp... 2024: Earned 8 appearances and 3 starts, scoring 2 goals... Scored in debut July 12, 2024... Named to United States roster for 2024 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup...

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## 24 RYAN GAREIS

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<b>Pronunciation:</b>	gAIR-iss	<b>Height:</b>	5'7"
<b>Nationality:</b>	United States	<b>Born:</b>	January 2, 2001
<b>Hometown:</b>	Naperville, IL	<b>Age:</b>	24
<b>Acquired:</b>	Free Agency 2026	<b>College:</b>	South Carolina
<b>Previous Club:</b>	Houston Dash		

**PROFESSIONAL:** 2025: Played in 19 regular-season matches, starting in 11 and playing 984 minutes... Scored 1 goal and recorded 3 assists... 2024: Played in 7 regular-season matches... Started in 5 matches... Totaled 328 minutes... 2023: Played in 12 regular-season matches... Started in 2 matches... Totaled 357 minutes played... 2022: Played in 15 regular-season matches... Started in 6 matches... Recorded 2 assists... Totaled 621 minutes played... Drafted by Houston Dash with 44th overall pick...

**COLLEGE (South Carolina):** 2017-2022: SEC Offensive Player of the Week (Week 7)... CoSIDA Academic All-District First Team... United Soccer Coaches All-Southeast Region Third Team... United Soccer Coaches Scholar All-South Region team... SEC Academic Honor Roll (2019-2021)... SEC All-Freshman Team... SEC First-year Academic Honor Roll... Played 100 matches and started in 82... Scored 15 goals... Recorded 18 assists... Totaled 5,222 minutes played...

## 25 AALIYAH FARMER

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<b>Pronunciation:</b>	uh-LEE-uh	<b>Height:</b>	5'9"
<b>Nationality:</b>	Mexico	<b>Born:</b>	October 27, 2003
<b>Hometown:</b>	Tustin, CA	<b>Age:</b>	22
<b>Acquired:</b>	Trade 2026	<b>College:</b>	USC
<b>Previous Club:</b>	Tigres UANL Femenil		



**PROFESSIONAL:** 2026: Signed with Chicago Stars FC in January 2026... Played 2 matches with 1 start in the Clausura tournament... Totaled 103 minutes... Scored 1 goal... 2025: Played in 15 matches with 14 starts in the Apertura tournament... scored 2 goals... Recorded 1,014 minutes... Played in 9 matches of the Clausura tournament... made 6 starts... Totaled 585 minutes.... Signed with Tigres UANL of Liga MX Femenil...

**COLLEGE:** 2024: Appeared in all 23 matches for USC... Made 19 starts.... Played 1,729 minutes... Scored 1 goal and recorded 3 assists.... Named to All-Big Ten Tournament Team... 2023: Played in 19 matches for USC and made 12 starts.... Played 1,146 minutes... Recorded 3 assists.... 2022: Started in all 18 matches... Played 1,447 minutes... Scored 4 goals and recorded 1 assist... 2021: Appeared in all 20 matches for USC... Made 14 starts... Played 1,405 minutes... Named Pac-12 All-Freshman Team... Scored 3 goals and recorded 2 assists...

**INTERNATIONAL:** 2025: Earned first call-up to Mexican Women's National Team... Made her debut with Mexico in May... Scored her first goal for Mexico in October 2025 against New Zealand... Played 8 matches with Mexico

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## 26 TAYLOR RATH GK

<b>Pronunciation:</b>	N/A	<b>Height:</b>	5'10"
<b>Nationality:</b>	United States	<b>Born:</b>	April 26, 2002
<b>Hometown:</b>	Las Vegas, NV	<b>Age:</b>	23
<b>Acquired:</b>	Discovery 2026	<b>College:</b>	Utah State
<b>Previous Club:</b>	N/A		

**PROFESSIONAL:** 2026: Signed with Chicago Stars FC on a roster relief contract in March 2026... Was a non-rostered invitee with Utah Royals FC in 2026 preseason...

**COLLEGE:** 2025: Appeared in 18 matches, playing 1,410 minutes and making 36 saves... Transferred to Utah State for graduate season... 2024 (Pepperdine): Appeared in 8 matches, playing 355 minutes and making 13 saves... 2023: Appeared in 20 matches, playing 1,651 minutes, recording 69 saves and 3 shutouts... 2022: Appeared in 3 matches, playing 231 minutes, recording 4 saves and 1 shutout... 2020 (UTSA): Made 4 appearances and recorded 5 saves...

## 27 KATIE ATKINSON GK

<b>Pronunciation:</b>	N/A	<b>Height:</b>	6'1"
<b>Nationality:</b>	United States	<b>Born:</b>	November 27, 1996
<b>Hometown:</b>	Plano, TX	<b>Age:</b>	30
<b>Acquired:</b>	Free Agency 2026	<b>College:</b>	Arkansas
<b>Previous Club:</b>	Racing Louisville FC		



**PROFESSIONAL:** 2025: Played and started in 6 matches, totaling 540 minutes...Kept 1 clean sheet... 2024: Earned 3rd consecutive Iron Woman recognition...Played and started in 26 regular-season matches...Kept 5 clean sheets...Totalled 2,340 minutes...Played and started in 1 match in the Summer Cup...Played 90 minutes...2023: Earned second-consecutive Iron Woman recognition...Played and started in 22 regular-season matches...Kept 6 clean sheets...Totalled 1,980 minutes...Played and started in 6 Challenge Cup matches...Kept 3 clean sheets...Played 540 minutes...2022: Played and started in 22 regular-season matches...Kept 6 clean sheets...Totalled 1,980 minutes...Earned first Iron Woman recognition...Set single-season saves record with 112 saves...Played and started in 5 Challenge Cup matches...Kept 2 clean sheets...Totalled 450 minutes...2021: Played and started in 4 matches...Totalled 360 minutes played...Made first start Oct. 6 against North Carolina Courage...Made professional debut in The Women's Cup Final against Bayern Munich...Selected by Racing Louisville FC in Expansion draft...2020: Signed with Washington Spirit as an undrafted player...

**COLLEGE:** 2018: 1st-team Academic All-Big 12...Played and started in 7 matches...Totalled 625 minutes played...2017: 2nd-team All-Region... Big 12 Championships Defensive Most Outstanding Player...1st-team All-Conference...1st-team Academic All-Big 12...Played in 22 matches and started in 19...Totalled 1,794 minutes played...2016: Academic All-Big 12 Rookie Team...Played in 21 matches and started in 10...Totalled 1,421 minutes...2015: Played in six matches...Totalled 101 minutes played...

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## EMMA EGIZII

## M

<b>Pronunciation:</b>	eh-JEE-zee	<b>Height:</b>	5'4"
<b>Nationality:</b>	United States	<b>Born:</b>	March 6, 2003
<b>Hometown:</b>	Downey, CA	<b>Age:</b>	22
<b>Acquired:</b>	Discovery 2026	<b>College:</b>	UCLA
<b>Previous Club:</b>	N/A		

**PROFESSIONAL:** 2026: Signed with Chicago Stars FC...

**INTERNATIONAL:** Member of the U.S. Youth National Teams from the U-14 to U-19 level.

**COLLEGE:** 2025: third-team United Soccer Coaches All-America honors... first-team United Soccer Coaches All-North Region and All-Big Ten... Played and started in 20 matches... Scored and recorded 6 goals... Totaled 1,356 minutes played... 2024: Academic All-Big Ten team... Played in 3 matches and started in 2... Scored 2 goals... Totaled 118 minutes... 2023: Played in 15 matches and started in 13... Scored 2 goals and recorded 1 assist... Totaled 1,026 minutes... 2022: Played in 11 matches... Scored 1 goal... Totaled 159 minutes... 2021: Played in 1 match for 10 minutes...

## 34 TESSA DELLAROSE M

<b>Pronunciation:</b>	dell-uh-ROSE	<b>Height:</b>	5'5"
<b>Nationality:</b>	United States	<b>Born:</b>	April 2, 2004
<b>Hometown:</b>	Grindstone, PA	<b>Age:</b>	21
<b>Acquired:</b>	Discovery 2026	<b>College:</b>	UNC
<b>Previous Club:</b>	N/A		



**PROFESSIONAL:** 2026: Signed with Chicago Stars FC...

**COLLEGE:** 2025: Played in 16 matches and started in 12... Scored 1 goal and recorded 2 assists... Totaled 1,118 minutes... 2024: NCAA Champion... United Soccer Coaches All-America Fourth Team... United Soccer Coaches All-Atlantic Region Second Team... TopDrawerSoccer Best XI Second Team... All-ACC Third Team... Played and started in 27 matches... Scored 4 goals and recorded 7 assists... Totaled 2,269 minutes... 2023: ACC All-Academic Team... Played 23 matches... Started in 3... Scored 1 goal and recorded 2 assists... Totaled 778 minutes... 2022: All-ACC Third Team... ACC All-Freshman Team... ACC All-Academic Team... Played in 23 matches... Started in 21... Recorded 1 assist... Totaled 1,317 minutes played...

# PLAYER BIOS



## 77 MAITANE M

<b>Pronunciation:</b>	My-TAWN-eh	<b>Height:</b>	5'9"
<b>Nationality:</b>	Spain	<b>Born:</b>	March 13, 1995
<b>Hometown:</b>	Águilas, Spain	<b>Age:</b>	31
<b>Acquired:</b>	Free Agency 2025	<b>College:</b>	N/A
<b>Previous Club:</b>	Gotham FC		

**PROFESSIONAL:** 2025: Appeared in 22 regular-season matches, starting in 20 and playing 1,655 minutes...Recorded 2 assists... Started and appeared in 1 Teal Rising Cup match, playing 60 minutes... 2024: Signed with the Chicago Stars in December 2024... Appeared in 13 regular-season matches, starting in 4 while playing 405 minutes... 2023: Signed by Gotham FC in July 2023... Started 7 of 8 matches she appeared in, recording 640 minutes, 1 goal and a 80.4 percent pass completion rate... Started all playoff games en route to the 2023 NWSL Championship... 2022-23: Played and started in 23 games for Atlético Madrid, recording 1,998 minutes, and 1 goal... 2021-22: Made 30 appearances for Atlético Madrid, scoring 5 goals... 2020-21: Signed with Real Sociedad... Made 30 appearances and scored 1 goal... 2019-20: Made 19 appearances for Levante, scoring 1 goal... 2018-19: Made 27 appearances for Levante, scoring 3 goals... 2017-18: Made 27 appearances for Levante, scoring 1 goal...

**INTERNATIONAL:** 2023: Named to Spain's roster for FIFA Women's World Cup qualifying play... 2022: Earned 1 start and cap, playing a full 90 minutes... Part of Spain's first-ever victory over the U.S. Women's National Team... 2019: Earned first Spanish senior national team call up... 2014: Made 5 appearances for the Spanish U-19 youth national team... Led the U-19s to a runner-up finish in the Euros... 2011: U-17 European Champion...

## 99 JORDYN HUITEMA F

<b>Pronunciation:</b>	HI-tuh-muh	<b>Height:</b>	5'11"
<b>Nationality:</b>	Canada	<b>Born:</b>	May 8, 2001
<b>Hometown:</b>	Chilliwack, Canada	<b>Age:</b>	24
<b>Acquired:</b>	Trade 2026	<b>College:</b>	N/A
<b>Previous Club:</b>	Seattle Reign FC		



**PROFESSIONAL:** 2026: Traded to and signed new contract with the Chicago Stars in March 2026... 2025 (Seattle Reign FC): Appeared in 22 regular-season matches, starting in 18 and playing 1,545 minutes... Scored 3 goals and recorded 1 assist... NWSL Week 16 Player of the Week winner... 2024: Finished her third season in the NWSL with a single-season career high in starts (17), minutes played (1,509) and shots (27)... Tied for the most goals on the team with three, adding one assist... at KC 6/9: In her first start since missing seven games due to a back injury, recorded a brace to become the youngest Reign FC player to score two goals in a game in club history at 23 years old... 2023: One of four players on the team to appear in at least 20 games in the regular season...Finished second on the team in goals with five, adding 25 shots...Appeared in four games during the Challenge Cup, scoring two goals...One of four players in the NWSL with at least three headed goals, joining teammates Bethany Balcer and Veronica Latsko... 2022: Appeared in the final 10 games of the regular season, making nine starts for 758 total minutes... at LA 7/30: Made her NWSL debut and finished the match with a team-leading six shots...Recorded two goals and two assists, becoming one of three players on the team to finish with multiple goals and assists...Was one of five players on the Reign to register a goal and an assist in the same game... 2019-2022 (Paris Saint-Germain): 71 appearances and scoring nine goals across all competitions... 2022 Coupe de France winner... 2021 Division 1 Féminine winner...

**INTERNATIONAL:** 2025: Started in 5 of her 8 appearances for Canada, playing 459 minutes... Scored 2 goals and recorded 1 assist... 2024: scored three goals in 13 appearances...Selected for the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup after helping her country qualify for the tournament, marking her second World Cup... A native of Chilliwack, BC, Huitema was named to the senior team in 2017 and became one of Canada's youngest-ever goal scorers after recording a brace in a friendly against Costa Rica...Became the first Canadian to score for the U-17, U-20 and senior national teams in the same calendar year, earning 2017 U-17 Canadian Player of the Year honors...Finished her international youth career as the second all-time leading goal scorer (23) in Canadian soccer history behind only Christine Sinclair...Helped her country win the Olympic gold medal in 2021, appearing in four games, including the final against Sweden, alongside former Reign teammate Quinn...The duo also represented Canada at the World Cup in 2019.

# MEDIA PROTOCOLS

## Matchday Protocols

All media members must apply for a season or single-game credential with the Chicago Stars FC Communications Department in order to cover Chicago Stars matches.

Once media members receive approval, they will receive an email with instructions and protocols for the match they selected to cover.

On matchday, media members must park in the North Parking Garage (2333 N. Campus Dr.). Credentialed media members will receive an email with a parking pass to access the garage. Media check-in can be accessed inside the Henry Crown Sports Pavilion, where a Stars communications associate will check in members of the media, provide a credential and/or a bib for photographers. Media check-in begins 2 hours prior to the match kick off time and ends 15 minutes before kickoff.

Once checked in, media members will be directed to the photo work room or the media meal room located inside the Walter Athletics Center. Before entering the Walter Athletics Center, media will be required to pass through security. Please be prepared to show your credential, have bags checked and pass through a metal detector. The photo work room is located on the first floor of the Walter Athletics Center, while the meal room will be on the third floor of the building. Elevators are available to access the meal room. Media are encouraged to stop by the meal room prior to kickoff as the media meal may be torn down following kickoff of the match. Please note: The photo work room will double as the postmatch press conference space.

The press box can be accessed by entering the stadium through the Northwest corner of the pitch. Take the stairs up to access one of the three press box spaces. Seating is assigned, so please consult the seating chart located outside each space to find the appropriate seat.

Media will not have access to the field unless it was requested and approved upon submission of their credential application. Additionally, there will be no access to the back of house areas of the stadium.

10 to 15 minutes after the final whistle, Chicago Stars communications associates will host a postmatch media availability with 1-2 players and the head coach in the photo work room. Media members will meet a Chicago Stars communications associate outside the press boxes and must be escorted to the postmatch media availability. An option to attend the media availability virtually will be made available to anyone who would like to do so.

## Event Media Guidelines

Media shall consist of the following categories: writers, photographers, videographers, radio and television broadcasters and their crews. Photographers and/or videographers must be attached to a legitimate media organization to gain credentials. Credentials are not transferable and must be worn in a visible location at all times.

The following actions may result in seizure of credential and/or ejection of its wearer from the stadium or training facility:

- Requesting autographs at any time
- Taking photographs with players/coaches
- Using credential for family or friends of a working media member
- Conducting of unauthorized interviews outside of prescribed media access periods
- Unprofessional behavior (cheering in the press box, consumption of alcoholic beverages, failure to abide by posted rules, etc.)

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## **Treatment of Credentialed Media**

Teams are permitted to designate one (1) day each training week as an open session (meaning the entirety of the training session will be open to media) but shall accommodate in-training availability as requested for the remainder of the week (minimum of 15 minutes; pre/post-training interviews).

**Matchday-1 and Matchday-2 Media Pressers:** Teams are required to make both the head coach and 1-2 players available to media at a pre-match press conference on MD-1 or MD-2. Any additional interview requests and availability will be accommodated to the best of the PR staff's ability following each presser.

**Post-Match Media Access:** All players must be available for post-match media upon request. Teams may designate a space within the stadium to conduct interviews. In addition to general availability, two players and the head coach from BOTH teams will be made available in a press conference format. Home teams must provide in-person access to attending media in addition to virtual press conferences. Visiting teams are permitted to hold virtual press conferences but should similarly make every effort to provide access to in-person media.

At least two players will be made available starting approximately 10 minutes after the final match whistle and head coaches will be made available approximately 20 minutes after the final match whistle (or vice versa). Players and coaches will prioritize live post-match interviews over all other on-pitch activities. Clubs are not permitted to change the requested player unless player goes to the locker room for medical attention. Locker rooms will not be open to the media without the express permission of the NWSL and the NWSL Players Association.

Any player or coach that has been dismissed during a match will be ineligible to participate in any postgame media interviews following the match.

Team PR directors will highlight players from the match and make all efforts to secure requested names from attending media, or media in the 'NWSLMedia' Slack channel, when choosing available players for press conferences. Selected players should be confirmed prior to the end of the match and clearly communicated to attending media as soon as possible. Team PR staff must be present to indicate the beginning and end of media access to players and coaches. All policies regarding post-match media access should be clearly communicated to media, team staff and security to ensure a secure environment.

**Seating Access:** Accredited media members will have access to the stadium, professional workrooms and stadium seating, if available. In addition, each stadium should have a press box capable of seating no less than ten (10) people, with separate areas for working press and electronic broadcasters, and sufficient power outlets for all needs. Every effort should be made to ensure all accredited media members have a seat in the press box.

All credentialed media shall be seated in media seating areas, consistent with treatment afforded to comparable media. In addition, all members of the media are to be provided with equal treatment and access to facilities and personnel, regardless of sex.

When the press box is fully occupied by working media, referee assessors or in-stadium observers shall be provided seating with a desk or table shielded from the weather and a vantage point to view replays (if available) from any telecast. The specific location may be determined by the home team, but minimum accommodations must be provided.

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In order to maintain the integrity of the working press box, seating is specifically reserved for media members along with home and away team PR. All other individuals (including player agents, VIP's and administrators) should be seated in overflow booths/suites or assigned stadium seats.

**Traveling Media:** The home team shall provide seating for traveling media members at each match in the press box and should keep in mind the needs of media members traveling from the visiting team's area. The PR department of the visiting team should advise the home team no less than 48 hours in advance of how many members of traveling media plan to attend the match.

**Guidelines for Photographers and Camera Operators:** With the exception of staff/league photographers, national rights-holders or NWSL crews present at a match, all photographers and television camera operators must stay behind the field boards at all times, unless released by the on-site photo marshal. All non-league and team photographers and camera operators shall be permitted behind the field boards in the area bounded by the top of the 18-yard box and the end line (a C-shape that extends from the top of the 18, back behind the goal, and to the top of the 18 on the opposite side of the field).

Each photographer will be permitted to use one monopod — but no tripods. No seats other than “lawn-type” photographer seats will be permitted at the discretion of the stadium. Stand-alone remote units will not be permitted at any time on or around the goal posts without the prior express approval from the NWSL Operations department. Units mounted on the top of field boards behind the end line will be permitted at the stadium's discretion, provided the equipment does not interfere with the clear display of the field board and does not impede the operation of broadcast equipment.

Live television crews located on the baseline or sideline will be limited to two (2) people — a camera operator and a cable-puller — and ENG crews will be limited to one (1) person. In either case, the crew must maintain actual possession of the camera and any other equipment during all match action. Cameramen and cable-pullers from all television crews must remain off the playing field and behind field boards at all times.

Once situated, no movement between the two halves of the field shall be permitted until halftime. Changes in this policy will be allowed in cases where stadium facilities dictate alterations and these changes have been approved by the NWSL Communications office. However, no photographers shall be allowed to move from end to end on the bench side of the field.

**Photographer Identification:** In addition to their regular credential, it is strongly recommended that photographers and camera crews be issued with colored bibs or armbands. This will necessitate a special area in or near the stadium where they can pick up their bibs, on presentation of their accreditation, either the day before the match or on match day, at the time media gates are opened. If they are not to be allowed to keep the bib, then it should be exchanged for a press card to be picked up following the match, or else signed out.

**Photography Work Area:** A work area should be provided for photographers, near the field where appropriate, with high-speed internet access. The size of the room may vary, but it should be sizeable enough for at least 5 - 10 people to work on desktops/tables. Like the press section of the stands, the photographers' work room should have sufficient electrical sockets and compatible with the equipment being used for transmission.

**Accreditation:** NWSL does not permit the accreditation of photographers shooting specifically for commercial agencies. However, since many agencies offer editorial and commercial sales options (Getty Images, AP, Reuters, etc.) this must be handled on a case-by-case basis.

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## **Non-Rights Holder Video Guidelines**

All rights to match footage including all applicable copyrights belong to NWSL. For the 2026 season, CBS, ESPN, Prime Video, Scripps, and Victory+ are the sole US rights holders for broadcasting matches. Organizations interested in recording video footage at an NWSL match for non-news gathering purposes must contact the NWSL Communications office.

## **Television Broadcasters**

**Match Action:** Television broadcasters can use footage of NWSL events obtained either via 1) their own recording or 2) action dubbed from a NWSL rights holder broadcast (CBS, ESPN, Prime Video, Scripps) with credit only in connection with its regularly scheduled news programming within a week of the match. This footage should not exceed two (2) minutes. Highlights aired as part of a continuous news program should not be longer than one (1) minute per 30-minute segment. Credits: NWSL, LLC.

**Filming - Match Action:** For televised events, non-rights holders / ENG cameras may record the first 15 minutes of each half (from 00:00 to 15:00 and 45:00 to 60:00 on the match clock). For non-televised events, non-rights holders / ENG cameras may record the entire match but are still subject to the aforementioned limits. This includes events that are streamed live online.

**Filming - Interviews and Scene Sets:** There is no limit to the gathering of footage pre-match, at halftime and post-match. All footage gathered is subject to the usage guidelines indicated in this document.

**Filming - In Seating Area:** Video cameras looking to shoot in the concourse or seating area must contact home team and NWSL in advance of the event for approval.

**Previews or Advances:** In advance of a NWSL event, television broadcasters can use two (2) minutes of archival match action to preview an upcoming event. In the local/regional markets, broadcasters should mention the time and location of the match along with their report. Outside of the local markets, broadcasters should mention the time and broadcast information.

**Television Broadcasters' Web Sites:** Video produced for air as part of regular programming that is simulcast or archived online must be accompanied by a link to [NWSLSoccer.com](http://NWSLSoccer.com). Content produced exclusively for the Internet is subject to the guidelines for Online Video.

## **Online Video**

**Match Action:** Online organizations (including print publications that post video online) are not permitted to film or use match action video without prior written approval by the League. Match action includes any footage of the field, teams, etc., following the beginning of the television broadcast window. Only video of off-field activities (i.e. interviews, training sessions) may be recorded.

**Non-Match Video:** Any video posted online that is recorded as part of media access is limited to the use of eight (8) minutes per day/activity date. Online video may not incorporate integrated advertising and must be accompanied by links to [NWSLSoccer.com](http://NWSLSoccer.com).

**Professional Presentation:** Online video is expected to be recorded, edited and presented in a professional manner. Video must be presented/hosted on an organization's website, and not solely on a site provided by a third-party (i.e., YouTube, Vimeo, Facebook, etc.).

**Online Video Sites:** Organizations who regularly post video to online video sites (i.e., YouTube, Vimeo, etc.) may not include advertising with video gathered as a result of media access. Allowing users to embed these videos is not permitted, and the description of any video must include a link to [NWSLSoccer.com](http://NWSLSoccer.com).