



# ***2026 MEDIA GUIDE***



# ***ABOUT BOSTON LEGACY FC***

Boston Legacy FC represents the city of Boston in the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL), bringing top-tier professional women's soccer to one of the country's most passionate sports markets. The club will play its inaugural 2026 season at Gillette Stadium and Centreville Bank Stadium before moving into its permanent home at White Stadium in 2027 — placing the club in the heart of the city it represents.

Boston Legacy FC is the 15th club to join the National Women's Soccer League, launching its inaugural season in March 2026. The ownership group is led by four women founders — Jennifer Epstein, Stephanie Connaughton, Ami Kuan Danoff, and Anna Palmer — whose shared vision is to build a club that reflects the ambition, resilience, and competitive spirit of Boston.

The team is led by head coach Filipa Patao, formerly of S.L. Benfica. Known for her dynamic style and commitment to developing winning teams, Patao brings international experience and a bold vision for the club's future.

**“Everybody knows that this city wants to win. This city wants a legacy. This city deserves strong women’s football, and this is why I’m here.” - Filipa Patao**

For information about ticketing and ticket policies, please visit [bostonlegacyfc.com](https://bostonlegacyfc.com)

# ***2026 CREST AND COLORS***



# **BOSTON LEGACY FOOTBALL CLUB**

The crest contains several elements that celebrate Boston and the club's growth. The central element of the crest is the swan — a relentless protector renowned for its loyalty, and an iconic symbol in Boston. The 8 feathers of the swan represent the 8 original NWSL teams, including the Boston Breakers, and are angled to reflect the lines of the iconic Zakim Bridge.

The green grounds the club in Boston, a city rich in pride and green spaces. Green for our parks, including Franklin Park, the home of White Stadium, but in a bold and bright shade to ensure we always stand out and look forward. Black and White provide structure and a high contrast base that allows the bold green to shine.

# ***2026 REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE***

All times in ET

<b>Date and time</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Broadcast</b>
March 14   12:30 PM	Gotham FC	Gillette Stadium	ABC
March 21   4:00 PM	Houston Dash	Shell Energy Stadium	ION
March 28   12:00 PM	Utah Royals	Gillette Stadium	ESPN2
April 3   8:00 PM	San Diego Wave	Gillette Stadium	NWSL+
April 25   6:30 PM	Chicago Stars	Northwestern Medicine Field at Martin Stadium	ION
April 29   8:00 PM	North Carolina Courage	Gillette Stadium	Victory+
May 3   3:00 PM	Denver Summit FC	Gillette Stadium	CBS/Paramount+
May 9   6:30 PM	Gotham FC	Sports Illustrated Stadium	ION
May 12   8:00 PM	Orlando Pride	Gillette Stadium	Victory+
May 15   10:00 PM	Bay FC	PayPal Park	Victory+
May 22   8:00 PM	Seattle Reign FC	Centreville Bank Stadium	Prime
May 30   1:30 PM	Kansas City Current	CPKC Stadium	ION
July 5   12:00 PM	Bay FC	Centreville Bank Stadium	ESPN
July 20   8:00 PM	Chicago Stars	Centreville Bank Stadium	NWSL+
July 15   7:00 PM	Orlando Pride	Inter&Co Stadium	NWSL+
July 19   7:00 PM	Washington Spirit	Centreville Bank Stadium	Victory+
July 25   5:00 PM	Kansas City Current	Centreville Bank Stadium	ION
August 2   9:00 PM	Denver Summit FC	Centennial Stadium	ESPN
August 9   4:00 PM	Portland Thorns	Centreville Bank Stadium	CBS/Paramount+
August 15   6:30 PM	Racing Louisville	Lynn Family Stadium	ION

August 22   7:30 PM	North Carolina Courage	First Horizon Stadium	NWSL+
August 31   8:00 PM	Angel City FC	Gillette Stadium	CBS/Paramount+
September 4   9:30 PM	Utah Royals	America First Field	NWSL+
September 13   1:00 PM	Washington Spirit	Audi Field	ESPN
September 20   2:00 PM	Houston Dash	Centreville Bank Stadium	CBS/Paramount+
September 25   8:30 PM	Seattle Reign FC	Lumen Field	NWSL+
October 3   8:45 PM	Portland Thorns	Providence Park	ION
October 16   8:00 PM	Racing Louisville	Gillette Stadium	Prime
October 25   7:00 PM	San Diego Wave	Snapdragon Stadium	Victory+
November 1   5:00 PM	Angel City FC	TBD	ESPN

# ***ROSTER BY NUMBER***

No.	Name	Position	Height	DOB	Hometown	Previous Club
1	Casey Murphy	Goalkeeper	6'0"	04/25/96	Bridgewater, NJ	North Carolina Courage
3	Kaka	Defense	5'7"	08/02/99	Brasilia, Brazil	Sao Paulo
4	Emerson Elgin	Defense	5'5"	03/21/03	Franklin Lakes, NJ	Gotham FC
5	Josefine Hasbo	Midfield	5'4"	11/20/01	Copenhagen, Denmark	Gotham FC
6	Annie Karich	Midfield	5'9"	10/26/03	Surfside, CA	SC Freiburg
7	Amanda Allen	Forward	5'3"	02/21/05	Mississauga, Ontario	Orlando Pride
8	Sammy Smith	Forward	5'6"	05/07/01	Hanson, MA	Breiðablik
9	Amanda Gutierrez	Forward	5'7"	03/18/01	Santa Cruz do Monte Castelo, Brazil	Palmeiras
10	Ella Stevens	Forward	5'8"	12/11/97	Snellville, GA	Gotham FC
11	Chloe Ricketts	Midfield	5'0"	05/23/07	Dexter, MI	Houston Dash
12	Nichelle Prince	Forward	5'4"	02/19/95	Ajax, Ontario	Kansas City

13	Fauzia Najjemba	Forward	5'6"	10/07/03	Nagalama, Uganda	Dynamo Moscow
14	Aissata Traore	Forward	5'6"	09/09/97	Bamako, Mali	Fleury
15	Aleigh Gambone	Midfield	5'3"	10/09/00	Clifton, VA	Glasgow City
16	Jorelyn Carabali	Defense	5'5"	05/18/97	Jamundi, Colombia	Brighton Hove & Albion
18	Laurel Ivory	Goalkeeper	5'7"	08/29/99	Atlanta, GA	Kansas City Current
20	Nicki Hernandez	Defense	5'6"	02/17/99	Naperville, IL	Club America
21	Barbara Olivieri	Midfield	5'5"	02/24/02	Katy, TX	Houston Dash
24	Lais Araujo	Defense	5'9"	03/16/96	Salvador, Brazil	Benfica
25	Sophia Lowenberg	Midfield	5'7"	05/17/04	Trumbull, CT	Boston College
26	Alba Cano	Midfield	5'5"	09/30/03	Catalonia	Barcelona
34	Laurel Ansbro	Defense	5'9"	04/10/03	Cary, NC	Ft. Lauderdale United

53	Bianca St-Georges	Defense	5'4"	07/28/97	Saint-Charles-Borromee, Quebec	Utah Royals
87	Hannah Stambaugh	Goalkeeper	5'7"	12/24/97	Tokyo Prefecture, Japan	Angel City FC

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9	Amanda Gutierres	Forward	5'7"	03/18/01	Santa Cruz do Monte Castelo, Brazil	Palmeiras
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# ***PHOTO ROSTER (BY NUMBER)***



**#1 Casey Murphy**  
Bridgewater, NJ  
Goalkeeper



**#3 Kaka**  
Brasilia, Brazil  
Defender  
Ka-ka



**#4 Emerson Elgin**  
Franklin Lakes, NJ  
Defender  
ELL-jin



**#5 Josefine Hasbo**  
Copenhagen, Denmark  
Midfielder  
HAS-bow



**#6 Annie Karich**  
Surfside, CA  
Midfielder  
CARE-ick



**#7 Amanda Allen**  
Mississauga, Ontario  
Forward



**#8 Sammy Smith**  
Hanson, MA  
Forward



**#9 Amanda Gutierres**  
Santa Cruz do Monte Castelo, Brazil  
Forward



**#10 Ella Stevens**  
Snellville, GA  
Forward



**#11 Chloe Ricketts**  
Dexter, MI  
Midfielder



**#12 Nichelle Prince**  
Ajax, Ontario  
Forward



**#13 Fauzia Najjemba**  
Nagalama, Uganda  
Forward  
FOW-zee-uh Nuh-JEM-buh



**#14 Aissata Traore**  
 Bamako, Mali  
 Forward  
 Eye-SOT-uh Trah-OHR-rey



**#15 Aleigh Gambone**  
 Clifton, VA  
 Midfielder  
 Al-ee GAHM-bon



**#16 Jorelyn Carabali**  
 Jamundi, Colombia  
 Defender  
 JOR-eh-lin Care-uh-ball-EE



**#18 Laurel Ivory**  
 Atlanta, GA  
 Goalkeeper



**#20 Nicki Hernandez**  
 Naperville, IL  
 Defender



**#21 Barbara Olivieri**  
 Katy, TX  
 Midfielder  
 Oh-liv-ee-EHR-ee



**#24 Lais Araujo**  
 Salvador, Brazil  
 Defender  
 Lie-EES Ahr-uh-OO-zhoe



**#25 Sophia Lowenberg**  
 Trumbull, CT  
 Midfielder



**#26 Alba Cano**  
 Catalonia  
 Midfielder  
 All-buh CAN-nyo



**#34 Laurel Ansbrow**  
 Cary, NC  
 Defender  
 ANS-brau



**#53 Bianca St-Georges**  
 Saint-Charles-Borromee,  
 Quebec  
 Defender  
 Saint-George



**#87 Hannah Stambaugh**  
 Tokyo  
 Prefecture, Japan  
 Goalkeeper  
 HAH-naugh



# ***TECHNICAL STAFF***

**General Manager | Domenec Guasch**

**Head Coach | Filipa Patao**

**Director of Recruitment | Edward Gallagher**

**Assistant Coach | Barbara Reis**

**Assistant Coach | Michael Balogun**

**Goalkeeper Coach | Hugo Figueiredo**

**Director of High Performance | Dan Jones**

**Mental Performance Coach | Jacqueline Kelly**

**Return to Play Specialist | Sami Diamond**

**Performance Therapist | Rachel Lampros**

**Performance Dietician | Gabbie Ricky**

**Head Athletic Trainer | Carl White**

**Director of Analytics | Jordyn Kaplan**

**Tactical Analyst | Fionn Foley Twomey**

**Tactical Analyst | Kelly Crew**

**Director of Soccer Operations | Hannah Krapes**

**Sporting Operations Manager | Amelia Hirtle**

**Soccer Operations Coordinator | Ben Fadden**

**Equipment Manager | Molly Abbott**

**Team Experience Manager | Staci Jackson**

# ***FRONT OFFICE***

**President | Jennifer van Dijk**

**Chief Revenue Officer | Amina Bulman**

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**VP of Ticket Sales & Service | Sam Barlow**

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**Manager of Premium Sales & Service | Jon Becker**

**Manager of Group Sales | Marissa Badorini**

**Manager of Ticket Sales | Tom Adams**

**Manager of Community Experience | Jammy Torres Millet**

**Director of Community Engagement | Mike Omenazu**

**Head of Marketing | Sabine Feldmann**

**Senior Manager of Grassroots Marketing | Rachel Duranwood**

**Head of Finance | Mary Ellen Ladieu**

**Head of People | Jessica Palmer**

**Head of Innovation and Strategic Projects | Vanessa Bruce**

**Director of Partnership Activation | Kelly Quigley**

**Director of Retail and e-Commerce | Eileen Gillis**

**Logistics Manager | Larissa Frazier**

**Senior Manager of Game Production and Guest Experience | Aseem Rastogi**

**Creative Director | Colin Gould**

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**Director of Communications | Sara Rooke**

**Manager of Social Media | Merisa Boyd**

**Senior Content Specialist | Siobhan Richards**

**Producer & Editor | Nick Kaiser**

**Integrated Marketing Manager | Cassie Bullis**

**Digital Marketing Manager | Will Johnson**

**Office Manager | Lily Calary**

# ***BLFC TRANSACTION HISTORY***

Date	Player	Transaction
07/02/2025	Annie Karich	Signed
07/10/2025	Aissata Traore	Signed
07/17/2025	Laurel Ansbrow	Signed
07/17/2025	Emerson Elgin	Signed
07/31/2025	Alba Cano	Signed
08/11/2025	Aleigh Gambone	Signed
08/21/2025	Barbara Olivieri	Acquired via trade (HOU)
10/01/2025	Chloe Ricketts	Signed
10/03/2025	Amanda Gutierrez	Transfer (Palmeiras)
12/03/2025	Sophia Lowenberg	Signed
12/08/2025	Lais Araujo	Signed
12/11/2025	Hannah Stambaugh	Signed
12/15/2025	Casey Murphy	Signed
12/17/2025	Laurel Ivory	Signed
12/22/2025	Ella Stevens	Signed
12/26/2025	Amanda Allen	Signed
12/29/2025	Sammy Smith	Signed
01/02/2026	Bianca St-Georges	Signed
01/05/2026	Nicki Hernandez	Signed
01/06/2026	Kaka	Signed
01/07/2026	Jorelyn Carabali	Transfer (Brighton & Hove Albion)
01/08/2026	Fauzia Najjemba	Signed
01/13/2026	Nichelle Prince	Acquired via trade (KC)
02/12/2026	Josefine Hasbo	Acquired via trade (GFC)

# ***2026 PLAYER BIOS***



# ***AMANDA ALLEN***

- **Name** (preferred): Amanda Allen
- **Pronunciation**: uh-MAN-duh AL-ən
- **Position**: Forward
- **Height**: 5'3
- **Jersey Number**: 7
- **Date of Birth**: 2/21/05
- **Age**: 21
- **Hometown**: Mississauga, Ontario
- **Citizenship**: Canada
- **College**: —
- **Last Team**: Orlando Pride
- **How Acquired**: Free agent

## **PROFESSIONAL**

2025

In December 2025, Allen returned to the NWSL as a free agent signing with Boston Legacy FC on a two-year contract with a club option to renew. She spent the remainder of the season on loan with Halifax Tides FC in the Canadian Northern Super League (NSL), gaining additional professional experience.

2024

Following her first season with Orlando, she was loaned to the USL Super League club Lexington SC in September 2024 before being recalled by the Pride in December of that year. She

2023-2024

She ultimately chose to forgo her NCAA eligibility and signed a three-year professional contract with the Orlando Pride of the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) in April 2023). Allen made her debut the following month against Racing Louisville FC.

2022

Began her professional career playing in 2022 with NDC Ontario, where she made 14 regular season appearances. In November 2022, Allen committed to play collegiate soccer at Syracuse University beginning in Summer 2023.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

Allen spent her youth career as one of the brightest talents in the Canadian youth system, representing her country in December 2021 where she attended a Canada U-17 camp, making her debut as a halftime substitute in a friendly against Mexico. She represented Canada at the 2022 CONCACAF Women's U-17 Championship and qualified for the 2022 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup. In November 2022, Allen earned her first senior team call-up for Canada Women's National Soccer Team at 17 against Brazil.

# ***LAUREL ANSBROW***

- **Name (preferred):** Laurel Ansbrow
- **Pronunciation:** ANS-brau
- **Position:** Defender
- **Height:** 5'9"
- **Jersey Number:** 34
- **Date of Birth:** April 10, 2003
- **Hometown:** Cary, NC, USA
- **Citizenship:** USA
- **College:** Wake Forest University
- **Last Team:** Fort Lauderdale United FC
- **How Acquired:** Signed by Boston Legacy FC as a free agent on July 17, 2025, to a contract through the 2027 season with a team-held option for 2028

## **PROFESSIONAL**

2025

Signed with Boston Legacy FC through 2027. Joined Ft. Lauderdale United in the USL Super League following the 2024 NCAA season and immediately became a key starter. Played all 1,590 minutes across 17 matches in the second half of the campaign, leading the team in clearances (80) and tying for the lead in blocks (18). Earned back-to-back Team of the Month honors in February and March. After signing with Boston, loaned to Fort Lauderdale for the remainder of the 2025 season.

2022–2023

Played with the North Carolina Courage U23s in 2022 and 2023. Selected to the USL W League Team of the Year in 2023.

## **COLLEGE**

Wake Forest University (2021–2024)

Appeared in all 24 matches as a senior (23 starts), logging over 2,000 minutes, and helped lead Wake Forest to the NCAA College Cup Final. Led the team junior year in minutes and only player to start all 18 matches, remaining unbeaten at home.

Career totals: 63 appearances, 2 goals, 2 assists, over 5,000 career minutes.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- First Wake Forest athlete to win the Elite 90 Award (2024)
- NCAA National Championship finalist (2024)
- USL W League Team of the Year (2023)
- ACC All-Academic Team (2023, 2024)
- CSC Academic All-District (2024)
- Two-time USL Super League Team of the Month (Feb/March 2025)

## OFF THE FIELD

- Favorites: Chocolate, sweet potatoes, and cottage cheese
- TV shows: One Tree Hill, Stranger Things, Schitt's Creek
- Movies: Harry Potter series, The Hunger Games series, Yours, Mine and Ours
- Music artists: Fleetwood Mac, Florence and the Machine, Caamp
- Fun facts: Always singing, loves hiking, and has traveled to Alaska

# ***LAÍS ARAÚJO***

- **Name (preferred):** Lais Araujo
- **Pronunciation:** Lie-EES Ow-ruh-OOH-joe
- **Position:** Defender
- **Height:** 5'9"
- **Jersey Number:** 24
- **Date of Birth:** 03/16/96
- **Hometown:** Salvador, Brazil
- **Citizenship:** Brazil
- **College:** ASA College (2014-2015), University of Florida (2017-2018)
- **Last Team:** Benfica
- **How Acquired:** Free agent

## **PROFESSIONAL**

2025

Signed with NWSL expansion side Boston Legacy FC in December on a one-year contract with a club option to renew.

2023–2025

Made 23 appearances for Portuguese powerhouse Benfica, scoring four goals. Also made UEFA Women's Champions league appearances.

2019-2023

Saw football action across Europe in top leagues in Portugal (Famalicao), Spain (Madrid CFF), and Norway (Arna-Bjornar) Also made appearances for Australian W-League side Adelaide United.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

In 2016, was captain of Brazil's U-20 squad and started in all four of their games in the 2016 U-20 Women's World Cup.

## COLLEGE

Played 2 years at ASA College before transferring to University of Florida (2017-2018) where she was a standout for the Gators, including scoring an 18-minute hat trick against Kentucky in 2018.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Won Campeonato Nacional Feminino in Portugal with Benfica
- First Florida Gator to join the team by transferring from a junior college

### Off the Field

- Speaks Portuguese and English
- Fifth child in a family of six girls
- Passionate about improving playing opportunities for girls in Brazil

# ALBA CAÑO

- **Name (preferred):** Alba Cano
- **Pronunciation:** AHL-bah CAH-nyo
- **Position:** Midfielder
- **Height:** 5'5"
- **Jersey Number:** 26
- **Date of Birth:** September 30, 2003
- **Hometown:** Puiggros, Catalonia, Spain
- **Citizenship:** Spain
- **College:** —
- **Last Team:** FC Barcelona Femeni
- **How Acquired:** Signed by Boston Legacy FC on July 31, 2025

## PROFESSIONAL

2024–2025

Signed with Boston Legacy FC on a contract through the end of the 2027 season with a team-held option for 2028. Immediately loaned back to FC Barcelona Femeni for the remainder of the 2025 calendar year before joining Boston for the club's inaugural preseason in 2026. Broke into Barcelona's first team, earning four starts and tallying one goal and one assist during the 2024–25 season. Made her UEFA Women's Champions League group stage debut and scored her first senior-team goal in a 5–1 win over Sevilla.

2018–2024

Spent seven years with FC Barcelona after joining from AEM Lleida. Featured for Barcelona's U-19 side for three years before spending four seasons with Barcelona B, gaining consistent minutes and developing her reputation as a technical and hardworking midfielder.

## INTERNATIONAL

Represented Spain at the U-19 level in 2022.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Signed as one of Boston Legacy FC's first international players (2025)
- Scored first senior goal for FC Barcelona in Liga F (2025)

- UEFA Women's Champions League group stage appearances with Barcelona (2024)
- Spain U-19 youth international (2022)

#### Off the Field

- Nickname: Cano
- Idols growing up: Xavi & Iniesta; currently looks up to Pedri
- Favorite NWSL player: Esther Gonzalez
- Off-day favorites: Visiting parks, reading, eating out, watching shows

# ***JORELYN CARABALÍ***

- **Name (preferred):** Jorelyn Carabali
- **Pronunciation:** ZHOR-eh-lin Karra-ball-EE
- **Position:** Defender
- **Height:** 5'5"
- **Jersey Number:** 16
- **Date of Birth:** 05/18/97
- **Hometown:** Jamundi, Colombia
- **Citizenship:** Colombia
- **College:** N/A
- **Last Team:** Brighton & Hove Albion
- **How Acquired:** Transfer

## **PROFESSIONAL**

2026

Signed with NWSL expansion side Boston Legacy FC in January on a two-year contract after transferring from Brighton & Hove Albion.

2023-2025

Made 10 appearances for Brazilian side Atletico Mineiro before joining Brighton & Hove Albion after an impressive 2023 Women's World Cup performance. Made 26 appearances for Brighton.

2017-2023

Played her way up through the Colombian top flight, eventually making 34 appearances for Deportivo Cali.

## INTERNATIONAL

Has been a fixture of the Colombian national team since 2021, helping them reach the Copa America Feminina final in 2022 and representing her country at the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup, where they advanced to quarterfinals, and the 2024 Summer Olympics.

### Achievements

- Reached 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup quarterfinals with Colombia
- Reached final of Copa America Feminina in 2022 with Colombia
- Reached quarterfinals in 2024 Concacaf Women's Gold Cup

# ***EMERSON ELGIN***

- **Name (preferred):** Emerson Elgin
- **Pronunciation:** ELL-jin
- **Position:** Defender
- **Height:** 5'5"
- **Jersey Number:** 4
- **Date of Birth:** March 21, 2003
- **Hometown:** Franklin Lakes, NJ, USA
- **Citizenship:** USA
- **College:** University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- **Last Team:** NJ/NY Gotham FC (injury replacement contract)
- **How Acquired:** Signed by Boston Legacy FC in July 2025

## **PROFESSIONAL**

2025

Signed a professional contract with Boston Legacy FC through 2027 and was immediately loaned to Tampa Bay Sun FC for the 2025 USL Super League season. Previously signed a short-term contract with Gotham FC in April 2025 as an injury replacement player.

2024

Played a key role for the University of North Carolina, starting 25 matches and playing every minute of the NCAA Tournament en route to winning the 2024 NCAA National Championship. Also appeared briefly with the North Carolina Courage U23s in the USL W League.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

Participated in U.S. Women's Youth National Team regional camps and was added to the U.S. U-19 Women's National Team player pool in 2021.

# COLLEGE

Four-year player at the University of North Carolina (2021–2024).

NCAA National Champion in 2024. Started 25 of 26 matches that season, logging over 2,100 minutes.

Career totals: 75 appearances, 1 goal, 5 assists.

# ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2024 NCAA National Champion (UNC)
- 2023–24 UNC Athletic Director Scholar-Athlete
- ACC All-Academic Team (2022, 2023, 2024)
- U.S. U-19 WNT player pool (2021)

# OFF THE FIELD

- Nickname: “Emmy”
- Loves art, drawing, painting, and sketching
- Go-to snacks: Popcorn, chocolate-covered pretzels, and almonds
- First concert: Beyonce (“life-changing”)
- Fun fact: Had a rabbit named PK as a kid

# ***ALEIGH GAMBONE***

- **Name (preferred):** Aleigh Gambone
- **Pronunciation:** AL-lee GAHM-bohn
- **Position:** Midfielder
- **Height:** 5'3"
- **Jersey Number:** 15
- **Date of Birth:** October 9, 2000
- **Hometown:** Clifton, VA, USA
- **Citizenship:** USA
- **College:** University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- **Last Team:** Glasgow City FC
- **How Acquired:** Signed by Boston Legacy FC in August 2025

## **PROFESSIONAL**

2025

Signed with NWSL expansion side Boston Legacy FC in August on a contract through 2027. Immediately loaned to Bundesliga club FC Nurnberg Frauen for the remainder of the year to continue her development before joining Boston for their inaugural season.

2023–2025

Joined Scottish Women's Premier League powerhouse Glasgow City FC on a two-year contract in July 2023. Established herself as a standout midfielder, scoring nine goals across two seasons and competing in the UEFA Women's Champions League.

2022–2023

Signed a short-term contract with Fortuna Hjørring in Denmark to begin her professional career before moving to Scotland.

# INTERNATIONAL

Has represented the United States at multiple youth national team levels, including the U18 U.S. Women's National Team. Participated in international camps and matches in China, Australia, Switzerland, and the Netherlands between 2017–2018.

# COLLEGE

Played four years at the University of North Carolina (2019–2022).

Helped UNC win the ACC Tournament as a freshman in 2019. Appeared in 79 matches across her career, recording multiple assists and key contributions in NCAA Tournament play.

# ACHIEVEMENTS

- Nine goals with Glasgow City FC (2023–2025)
- UEFA Women's Champions League appearances with Glasgow City
- ACC Tournament Champion with UNC (2019)

# OFF THE FIELD

- Favorite TV show: Gilmore Girls
- Go-to snack: Yogurt bowl with fruit and granola
- Favorite podcast: A Good Hang with Amy Poehler
- Favorite season: fall
- Vacation bucket list includes skiing in the Alps, seeing a concert at Red Rocks Amphitheater, and racing on the Mario Kart course in Japan

# AMANDA GUTIERRES

- **Name (preferred):** Amanda Gutierres
- **Pronunciation:** ah-MAHN-dah goo-tee-EHR-ehs
- **Position:** Forward
- **Height:** 5'7"
- **Jersey Number:** 9
- **Date of Birth:** March 18, 2001
- **Hometown:** Santa Cruz do Monte Castelo, Parana, Brazil
- **Citizenship:** Brazil
- **College:** —
- **Last Team:** SE Palmeiras (women's team)
- **How Acquired:** Transfer from SE Palmeiras

## PROFESSIONAL

2023–2025

Won back-to-back Campeonato Brasileiro Feminino Serie A1 Golden Boots in 2023 and 2024 and was awarded the Bola de Prata in 2024, recognizing her as one of the league's top players. Led Palmeiras in scoring each season and was nominated for the 2025 Ballon d'Or Feminin, finishing 21st globally.

2022

Moved to Division 1 Feminine side Bordeaux in January 2022, debuting January 22, 2022 against Stade de Reims. Made 13 appearances. In November 2022, she joined Palmeiras ahead of their 2023 season.

2019–2021 (Santos, Brazil)

Made her senior breakthrough with Santos, scoring her first professional goal in March 2019.

2018

Made her league debut in 2018 after progressing through youth sides (Foz Cataratas / Embu das Artes) in Sao Paulo.

## INTERNATIONAL

Regular member of Brazil's senior national team setup since 2023. Won 2025 Copa America Femenina, finished tournament as joint top scorer with six goals, and named to the Team of the Tournament.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Copa America Femenina Champion & Golden Boot (2025)
- Copa America Femenina Team of the Tournament (2025)
- Ballon d'Or Feminin Nominee – 21st place (2025)
- Campeonato Brasileiro Serie A1 Golden Boot (2023, 2024)
- Bola de Prata Award Winner (2024)
- Palmeiras leading scorer (2023, 2024)

## OFF THE FIELD

- Began her career at age 13 after moving from Parana to Sao Paulo to pursue football.
- Known for her trademark goal celebration and hairstyle.

# ***JOSEFINE HASBO***

- **Name (preferred):** Josefine Hasbo
- **Pronunciation:** HAS-bow
- **Position:** Midfielder
- **Height:** 5'4"
- **Jersey Number:** 5
- **Date of Birth:** 11/20/01
- **Hometown:** Copenhagen, Denmark
- **Citizenship:** Denmark
- **College:** Harvard University
- **Last Team:** Gotham FC
- **How Acquired:** Trade with Gotham FC

## **PROFESSIONAL**

2026

Signed a three-year deal with Boston Legacy FC running through December 2028.

2025

Made 11 appearances and scored one goal for Gotham FC, helping them make their run to the 2025 NWSL championship.

2018-2021

Made 52 appearances and scored 11 goals for leading club Brøndby IF in Denmark, including winning the league in 2019 and representing Brøndby in back-to-back UEFA Women's Champions League campaigns.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

Has represented Denmark from the youth level to senior, making her senior debut at the age of 18. Played in the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup and helped Denmark advance to Round of 16. Represented Denmark in the 2025 Euros.

## COLLEGE

She was a midfielder at Harvard Crimson Women's Soccer (2021-2024), appearing in 55 matches and establishing herself as one of the Ivy League's top midfielders. Hasbo recorded 18 points while serving as team captain (2024). During her junior year, she accumulated 10 goals and 26 points, ranking fifth nationally leading Harvard to the Ivy League Tournament title (2023). After making an immediate impact as a first-year in with seven points in 11 appearances (2021), Hasbo followed with a strong sophomore campaign, highlighted by a hat trick in the season opener and a key player in Harvard's NCAA Tournament run (2021).

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- 9th all-time in career points (67) at Harvard Women's Soccer
- MAC Hermann Trophy Semifinalist (2023)
- 2023 Ivy League winner
- First Harvard student to represent her national team at the World Cup, men's or women's
- 2019 Danish league winner
- Finalist for 2020 Danish Female Footballer of the Year
- Played in 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup and 2025 Women's Euro
- 2025 NWSL winner

## OFF THE FIELD

- Majored in Economics & Psychology, Liberal Arts and Sciences Education
- President for Harvard Women in Entrepreneurship

# ***NICKI HERNANDEZ***

- **Name (preferred):** Nicki Hernandez
- **Pronunciation:** Nicki Hernandez
- **Position:** Defender
- **Height:** 5'6"
- **Jersey Number:** 20
- **Date of Birth:** 02/17/99
- **Hometown:** Naperville, IL
- **Citizenship:** USA/Mexico
- **College:** University of Michigan
- **Last Team:** Club America
- **How Acquired:** Free agent

## **PROFESSIONAL**

2026

Signed with NWSL expansion side Boston Legacy FC in January on a two-year contract.

2022-2025

Made 133 appearances for renowned Liga MX side Club America, scoring 11 goals as a defender. Helped the club reach league finals six times, including a championship in the Clausura 2023 season.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

As a member of the Mexican women's national team, holds 27 caps and won a gold medal with the team at the 2023 Pan American Games, and was in the starting XI for Mexico's historic 2-0 defeat of the United States at the 2024 Concacaf W Gold Cup.

# COLLEGE

Played five years at the University of Michigan (2017-2021, extra year due to COVID-19 rules)

- Made 93 appearance and scored 29 goals
- Made First Team All-Big Ten in 2020
- Also competed in varsity track and field her sophomore year

# ACHIEVEMENTS

- Reached Liga MX finals six times with Club America
- Won championship with Club America in 2023 Clausura season
- Won gold medal at 2023 Pan American Games with Mexico

# OFF THE FIELD

- Loves museums and exploring new restaurants
- Has her SCUBA license and has dived to 100 meters
- Teammates call her Mexico Terminator
- Likes to rewatch the Twilight trilogy

# ***LAUREL IVORY***

- **Name (preferred):** Laurel Ivory
- **Pronunciation:** Laurel Ivory
- **Position:** Goalkeeper
- **Height:** 5'7"
- **Jersey Number:** 18
- **Date of Birth:** 08/29/99
- **Hometown:** Atlanta, GA
- **Citizenship:** USA
- **College:** University of Virginia
- **Last Team:** Kansas City Current
- **How Acquired:** Free agent

## **PROFESSIONAL**

2025

Signed with NWSL expansion side Boston Legacy FC in December on a two-year contract.

2025

Signed a one-year deal with NWSL champions Kansas City Current, making two appearances in goal.

2022-2024

Signed with Seattle Reign and made her debut in the 2023 NWSL Challenge Cup. Made nine appearances in goal, including winning player of the match in 2024 for preserving a 0-0 result against Kansas City with six saves.

# INTERNATIONAL

Has seen extensive time as a US women's national youth team player, getting called up for the U-17, U-20, and U-23 teams. She was the starting goalkeeper at the U-17 Women's World Cup in Jordan in 2016, where she earned the Golden Glove, and was a member of the U-20 2018 World Cup roster in France.

# COLLEGE

Played five years at the University of Virginia (2017-2021, extra year due to COVID-19 rules)

- Second-team All-ACC in 2021
- Helped take team to NCAA semifinals 2020
- Recorded four consecutive shutouts in the 2019 NCAA tournament

# ACHIEVEMENTS

- Golden Glove at 2017 U-17 Women's World Cup
- Set a record by starting 100 games for the Virginia Cavaliers
- Won the NWSL shield with both Reign (2022) and Current (2025)

# OFF THE FIELD

- Got married on December 13, then announced her Legacy signing December 17
- Die hard Red Sox fan
- Attended youth soccer camps in the Berkshires in Western Mass
- Favorite snack: Cheez-Its
- Favorite TV shows to rewatch: Game of Thrones, The Office

# ***KAKÁ***

- **Name (preferred):** Kaka
- **Pronunciation:** Ka-KA
- **Position:** Defender
- **Height:** 5'7"
- **Jersey Number:** 3
- **Date of Birth:** 08/02/99
- **Hometown:** Brasilia, Brazil
- **Citizenship:** Brazil
- **College:** —
- **Last Team:** Sao Paulo
- **How Acquired:** Free agent

## **PROFESSIONAL**

2026

Signed with NWSL expansion side Boston Legacy FC in January on a two-year contract with a club option to renew.

2024-2025

Made 20 appearances with top-flight Brazilian club Sao Paulo, where she won the inter-league Supercopa do Brasil in 2025.

2018-2023

Played her way up from joining Minas Brasilia in 2018 and getting promoted to their first team and helping them win the second flight of Brazil's women's league. Moved to Santos in 2022 and represented them 24 times.

# INTERNATIONAL

Represented Brazil at the 2025 Copa America Femenina.

# ACHIEVEMENTS

- Won promotion with Minas Brasilia in 2018
- Won Supercopa do Brasil in 2025
- Helped Brazil make undefeated run to Copa America Feminina in 2025

# ***ANNIE KARICH***

- **Name** (preferred): Annie Karich
- **Pronunciation**: CARE-ick
- **Position**: Midfielder
- **Height**: 5'9"
- **Jersey Number**: 6
- **Date of Birth**: October 6, 2003
- **Hometown**: Surfside, CA, USA
- **Citizenship**: USA
- **College**: Santa Clara University
- **Last Team**: SC Freiburg
- **How Acquired**: Free agent

## **PROFESSIONAL**

Karich began her professional career in Germany with SC Freiburg in the Frauen-Bundesliga. From 2023–2025, the defensive midfielder made 36 league appearances, establishing herself as a reliable presence in the midfield with strong positional awareness and ball-winning ability.

In July 2025, Karich became the first-ever player signed by Boston Legacy FC ahead of the club's inaugural season in the National Women's Soccer League. She signed a contract through 2027 with an option for 2028. During the second half of 2025, she remained active on loan in Liga MX Femenil before joining Boston for preseason in 2026.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

Karich has represented the United States across multiple youth national team levels, including U23, U20, U17, and U15. She was selected to the U.S. roster for the 2022 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup, continuing a consistent role within the U.S. Soccer youth development pipeline.

## **COLLEGE**

Karich played two seasons at Santa Clara University, where she developed into one of the top defensive midfielders in the West Coast Conference.

In 2023, she was named West Coast Conference Defensive Player of the Year, recognized for her tactical intelligence, defensive positioning, and ability to disrupt opposing attacks. Her collegiate performances highlighted her leadership and composure in the midfield.

## **OFF THE FIELD**

Her signing marked a historic milestone as the first player in club history for Boston Legacy FC as the organization prepared for its inaugural season.

# ***SOPHIA LOWENBERG***

- **Name (preferred):** Sophia Lowenberg
- **Pronunciation:** LOW-en-berg
- **Position:** Midfielder
- **Height:** 5'7"
- **Jersey Number:** 25
- **Date of Birth:** 05/17/04
- **Hometown:** Trumbull, CT
- **Citizenship:** USA
- **College:** Boston College
- **Last Team:** Boston College
- **How Acquired:** Signed out of college

## **PROFESSIONAL**

2025

Signed with NWSL expansion side Boston Legacy FC on a two-year deal with a club option for another year. Was the Legacy's first-ever local college signing. Also played in exhibition games for Vermont Green's women's team in 2025.

## **COLLEGE**

- Played four years at Boston College (2022-2025)
- Appeared in 67 games and scored seven goals

## **OFF THE FIELD**

- Trained in mixed martial arts growing up
- Enjoys an egg-and-cheese on everything bagel breakfast sandwich
- Favorite player growing up: Carli Lloyd



# ***CASEY MURPHY***

- **Name (preferred):** Casey Murphy
- **Pronunciation:** Casey Murphy
- **Position:** Goalkeeper
- **Height:** 6'0"
- **Jersey Number:** 1
- **Date of Birth:** April 25, 1996
- **Hometown:** Bridgewater, NJ, USA
- **Citizenship:** USA
- **College:** Rutgers University
- **Last Team:** North Carolina Courage
- **How Acquired:** Free agent

## **PROFESSIONAL**

2021-2024

Played every minute of the 2024 regular season for NC Courage earning Iron Woman status and becoming the Courage's all-time leader in regular-season wins. Recorded six clean sheets, 83 saves, a 74.55% save percentage, and an 82.59% passing rate. In 2021 tied the NWSL single-season record for shutouts with 11 in 23 games. Made 96 saves and recorded an 80.7% save rate, earning a spot on the NWSL Best XI for August.

2019-2020

Made 19 appearances across all competitions for Reign FC/OL Reign, recording six clean sheets and 73 saves.

2017-2019

Began her professional career in France's Division 1 Feminine for Montpellier HSC, where she was named to the league's Best XI and honored as Goalkeeper of the Year.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

Holds 20 caps for the United States Women's National Team (USWNT), including 15 clean sheets. In her USWNT debut in 2021, recorded eight saves in a 3–0 win over Australia. Started three matches at the 2022 Concacaf W Championship, helping the U.S. qualify for both the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup and the 2024 Olympics. Recorded 10th career shutout in April 2023 vs. Ireland, becoming the ninth goalkeeper in USWNT history to reach double digits. Also captained the U.S. at the 2016 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup, where she led the tournament in saves.

## COLLEGE

Rutgers University (2014–2017)

The all-time leader at Rutgers in shutouts (45), where she was two-time Big Ten Goalkeeper of the Year (2015, 2017) and two-time All-American. Landed on the 2017 MAC Hermann Trophy watch list and redshirted in 2016 to represent the U.S. at the U-20 World Cup.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2024 Olympic Gold Medalist (Paris)
- 20 USWNT caps, 15 clean sheets
- NWSL single-season shutout record holder (11, tied – 2021)
- NWSL Best XI (August 2021, June 2023)
- D1 Feminine Goalkeeper of the Year (Montpellier, 2018)
- Two-time Big Ten Goalkeeper of the Year (Rutgers)
- U-20 FIFA Women's World Cup starter & captain (2016)

## OFF THE FIELD

- Majored in Communications at Rutgers University
- Tallest goalkeeper in USWNT history (6'1")

# ***FAUZIA NAJJEMBA***

- **Name (preferred):** Fauzia Najjemba
- **Pronunciation:** FOW-zee-uh Nuh-JEM-buh
- **Position:** Forward
- **Height:** 5'6"
- **Jersey Number:** 13
- **Date of Birth:** 10/07/03
- **Hometown:** Nagalama, Uganda
- **Citizenship:** Uganda
- **College:** N/A
- **Last Team:** Dynamo Moscow
- **How Acquired:** Free agent

## **PROFESSIONAL**

2026

Signed with NWSL expansion side Boston Legacy FC in January on a two-year contract with a mutual option to renew.

2023-2025

Transferred to Russian top flight club Dynamo Moscow, scoring nine goals in 32 appearances.

2022

Recruited to Kazakhstan club BIIK Shymkent help fill the void left by previous Shymkent striker Racheal Kundananji.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

Has represented Uganda at the youth and senior level, including scoring two goals for the Uganda U-20 team during the 2022 African U-20 Women's World Cup qualifiers and a goal during 2022 Africa Women Cup of Nations qualifiers.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Won the Kazakhstan league with Shymkent in 2022
- Represented Shymkent in UEFA Women's Champions League qualifying in 2022

# ***BARB OLIVIERI***

- **Name (preferred):** Barbara “Barb” Olivieri
- **Pronunciation:** oh-lee-vee-EHR-ee
- **Position:** Midfielder
- **Height:** 5’5”
- **Jersey Number:** 21
- **Date of Birth:** February 24, 2002
- **Hometown:** Katy, TX, USA
- **Citizenship:** USA/Venezuela
- **College:** Texas A&M University
- **Last Team:** Houston Dash (loaned to Tigres UANL Femenil)
- **How Acquired:** Trade with Houston Dash

## **PROFESSIONAL**

2025

Appeared in 13 matches (10 starts) for Houston before summer international duty with Venezuela at Copa America Femenina 2025. Transferred to Boston Legacy FC in August and immediately loaned to Tigres UANL for the rest of the year.

2023–2024 (Houston Dash)

Logged 44 NWSL regular-season appearances with six goals and four assists across two seasons. In 2024, finished second in the team Golden Boot race with four goals and added two assists; scored in three straight matches to close the season. Also netted in the NWSL x LIGA MX Femenil Summer Cup vs. Tigres. Named the club’s Young Player of the Year (2024).

2022 (Monterrey, Liga MX Femenil)

Began professional career with Rayadas de Monterrey; helped the club reach both Clausura and Apertura semifinals.

## INTERNATIONAL

Senior Venezuela international; debuted in 2021, scoring the match-winner and adding an assist in a 2-1 victory over India. Represented Venezuela at youth levels (U17, U20) including the 2020 CONMEBOL U20 Championship. Selected for Venezuela's squad at Copa America Femenina 2025 (Ecuador).

## COLLEGE

Texas A&M (2020-2021)

- SEC Freshman of the Year (2020); All-SEC First Team (2020); All-Freshman SEC Team (2020).
- 26 starts in 26 appearances over two seasons; 13 goals, 8 assists (34 points).
- Notable freshman year: 8 goals, 5 assists in 16 starts; two-goal NCAA Second Round performance vs. South Florida.

## OFF THE FIELD

- Nicknames: Barb, Barbie
- Idols: Marta; on the men's side, Lionel Messi
- Off-day: Golf with friends or hanging out

# ***NICHELLE PRINCE***

- **Name** (preferred): Nichelle Prince
- **Pronunciation:** Ni-SHELL
- **Position:** Forward
- **Height:** 5'4"
- **Jersey Number:** 12
- **Date of Birth:** 02/19/95
- **Hometown:** Ajax, Ontario
- **Citizenship:** Canada
- **College:** Ohio State University
- **Last Team:** Kansas City Current
- **How Acquired:** Trade with Kansas City Current

## **PROFESSIONAL**

2026

In January 2026, Boston Legacy FC acquired Prince from the Current through a trade.

2024-2025 (Kansas City Current)

After being traded to the Kansas City Current, she played for two seasons, making 34 appearances. Helped her team win the 2025 NWSL Shield.

2018-2023 (Houston Dash)

Selected by the Houston Dash in the 2018 NWSL College Draft. Was an integral part of the roster, scoring 12 goals in 88 appearances.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

Prince has represented Canada internationally at the senior level for over 13 years, first getting called up to the senior squad in 2012 at the age of 17, and then earning her first senior WNT cap in 2013 at the Four Nations Tournament. Since then she has scored 17 goals and made 14 assists in 113 appearances for Canada, including representing them at the FIFA Women's World Cup in 2019 and 2023, and at the Summer Olympics in 2016, 2020, and 2024. She won an Olympic bronze medal in 2016, and a gold medal in 2020.

## COLLEGE

At Ohio State University, Prince emerged as one of the top attackers in the Big Ten Conference. As a freshman, she led the Buckeyes with 13 goals and six assists, including six game-winning goals. Prince followed with an eight-point sophomore season before a standout junior campaign (2015), when she started all 23 matches and tied for the team lead with six goals and seven assists while earning United Soccer Coaches All-Great Lakes Region honors. Across three seasons, she established herself as a consistent and dynamic offensive threat for Ohio.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Golden Boot, Canadian Club Nationals (2010, 2011)
- CONCACAF Women's U-17 Championship Finalist (2012)

## • OFF THE FIELD

- Named for Nichelle Nichols, who played Lieutenant Uhura in Star Trek: The Original Series
- Attended the 2003 Women's World Cup group game at Foxborough Stadium between Canada and Japan as a child
- Enjoys watching Manchester City

# CHLOE RICKETTS

- **Name (preferred):** Chloe Ricketts
- **Pronunciation:** CLOH-ee RICK-itts
- **Position:** Midfielder
- **Height:** 5'0"
- **Jersey Number:** 11
- **Date of Birth:** May 23, 2007
- **Hometown:** Dexter, MI, USA
- **Citizenship:** USA
- **College:** —
- **Last Team:** Houston Dash
- **How Acquired:** Signed on a pre-contract agreement.

## PROFESSIONAL

2025

Began the season with Washington and made history as the youngest player in NWSL history to appear in a Challenge Cup final. Transferred to Houston Dash in October on a short-term deal, ahead of her permanent move to Boston.

2023-2024 (Washington Spirit)

Appeared in four 2024 regular-season matches and all three Summer Cup games, totaling 168 minutes. Made 11 2023 appearances (two starts) and 288 minutes in her rookie year. Scored her first career NWSL goal in the Challenge Cup at just 16 years, 2 months, and 5 days old, becoming the youngest goalscorer in NWSL history at the time. Added an assist later that summer against the Orlando Pride.

## INTERNATIONAL

Has represented the United States at both the U-18 and U-20 levels. Featured in the 2024 Concacaf Women's U-20 Championship, helping the U.S. qualify for the 2026 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup in Poland. Was called up to the U.S. U-20's training camp roster in October 2025.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Youngest player ever to sign an NWSL contract (15 years, 283 days) at the time when she signed with the Washington Spirit in 2023.
- Youngest player ever to score in an NWSL competition (16 years, 2 months, 5 days) at the time when she scored in a 2023 Challenge Cup match versus Gotham FC.
- Over 30 professional appearances across all competitions by age 18

# ***SAMMY SMITH***

- Name (preferred): Sammy Smith
- Pronunciation: Sammy Smith
- Position: Forward
- Height: 5'6"
- Jersey Number: 8
- Date of Birth: 05/07/01
- Hometown: Hanson, MA
- Citizenship: USA
- College: Boston College (2019-2022), Texas A&M (2023)
- Last Team: Breiðablik
- How Acquired: Free agent

## **PROFESSIONAL**

2026 (Boston Legacy FC)

In December 2026, Boston Legacy FC signed Smith to a two-year deal.

2024-2025 (Breiðablik)

Sammy Smith played for Breiðablik Women's Football, helping the club win the Besta deild kvenna titles (2024, 2025). She appeared for Breiðablik in the 2024-25 UEFA Women's Champions League. In 2024, Smith achieved the rare feat of winning both second-and-first division league titles in the same year after going on loan to Breiðablik following a season with FHL.

## **COLLEGE**

She made 90 collegiate appearances, including 74 starts between Boston College and Texas A&M University. Smith totaled 65 career points on 26 goals and 13 assists. She earned 52 points (23 goals, six assists) during her time as an Eagle. After enrolling at Texas A&M as a graduate student, she made 22 appearances with eight starts for the Aggies, tallying 13 points on three goals and seven assists.

# ACHIEVEMENTS

- ACC All-Freshman Team (2019)

# OFF THE FIELD

- Graduated from the Carroll School of Management at Boston College
- Obtained an M.S. in Entrepreneurial Leadership at Texas A&M

# ***BIANCA ST-GEORGES***

- **Name (preferred):** Bianca St-Georges
- **Pronunciation:** Bee-AHN-kah Saint-George
- **Position:** Defender
- **Height:** 5'4
- **Jersey Number:** 53
- **Date of Birth:** 07/28/97
- **Hometown:** Saint-Charles-Borromee Quebec
- **Citizenship:** Canada
- **College:** West Virginia University
- **Last Team:** Utah Royals
- **How Acquired:** Free agent

## **PROFESSIONAL**

2026

In January 2026 Boston Legacy FC signed St-Georges for a three-year contract into the 2028 Season. 2019-2023 (Chicago Stars FC)

St-Georges was selected 20th overall in the 2019 National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) College Draft by the Chicago Red Stars, though a meniscus injury delayed her debut until the 2020 NWSL Challenge Cup. She helped Chicago reach the final and finish second in the 2021 Playoffs.

2025

She joined the Utah Royals in March 2025 on a one-year deal and made 22 appearances for the club.

2024-2025

In January 2024, St-Georges signed a two-year contract with the North Carolina Courage, scoring twice in tallying a 5-1 win over the Houston Dash in her first game for the club. She went on to make 22

appearances, recording three goals, and one assist before parting ways with the Courage in February 2025.

## INTERNATIONAL

Represented Canada at the youth level with the Canada U-17 and U-20 teams, where she won silver medals at the 2013 CONCACAF Women's U-17 and 2015 CONCACAF U-20 Championships. Participated in the 2014 FIFA U-17 Women's and 2016 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup. Made her senior team debut in 2021 during a friendly against the Czech Republic. She has earned 15 international caps.

## COLLEGE

St-Georges played as a defender for West Virginia Mountaineers Women's Soccer (2015-2018), making 81 appearances during her collegiate career. There, she was named 2018 Big 12 defensive player of the year, and was Big 12 freshman of the year in 2015.

## OFF THE FIELD

- Fluent in English and French
- Majored in Exercise Physiology

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Big 12 Conference Women's Soccer Tournament – West Virginia Mountaineers (2016, 2018)
- Big 12 Conference Defensive Player of the Year (2018)
- Big 12 Conference Freshman of the Year (2015)

# ***HANNAH STAMBAUGH***

- **Name (preferred):** Hannah Stambaugh
- **Pronunciation:** HAUGH-nah
- **Position:** Goalkeeper
- **Height:** 5'7"
- **Jersey Number:** 87
- **Date of Birth:** 12/24/97
- **Hometown:** Tokyo Prefecture, Japan
- **Citizenship:** Japan
- **College:** N/A
- **Last Team:** Angel City FC
- **How Acquired:** Free agent

## **PROFESSIONAL**

2026

Signed with NWSL expansion side Boston Legacy FC in August on a two-year contract.

2024-2025

Played for NWSL club Angel City.

2021-2024

Made eight appearances for WE League Omiya Ardija Ventus, before transferring to Angel City.

2016-2020

Made 21 appearances for renowned WE League club INAC Kobe Leonessa, initially being specially designated as a youth academy player approved to play for a senior professional team to encourage player development.

## INTERNATIONAL

Has been a regular fixture of Japan's youth teams, including winning the 2018 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup, where she kept three clean sheets as Japan's starting goalkeeper. This was Japan's first ever U-20 WWC win. She is also in the Japanese senior national team goalkeeper pool, having been previously called up in 2021.

## OFF THE FIELD

- Favorite goalkeeper: Ayumi Kaihori
- Favorite off-day activity: sleeping all day
- Loves listening to R&B, hip hop, and J-pop and reading mystery books
- Favorite snack: dark chocolate

# ***ELLA STEVENS***

- **Name (preferred):** Ella Stevens
- **Pronunciation:** Ella Stevens
- **Position:** Forward
- **Height:** 5'8"
- **Jersey Number:** 10
- **Date of Birth:** 12/11/97
- **Hometown:** Snellville, GA
- **Citizenship:** USA
- **College:** Duke University
- **Last Team:** Gotham FC
- **How Acquired:** Free agent

## **PROFESSIONAL**

2025

In December 2025, Stevens signed a two-year contract with Boston Legacy FC that includes a mutual option to renew.

2024-2025

Stevens signed with Gotham FC in January 2024 and recorded seven goals and four assists in 22 appearances for the club as they finished third in the NWSL standings. She was also part of the squad that won the inaugural CONCACAF W Champions Cup in 2025.

2020-2023

Ella Stevens was selected 24th overall by Chicago Stars FC in the 2020 NWSL College draft and made her professional debut in the 2020 NWSL Challenge Cup. She scored her first professional goal against Racing Louisville FC, totaling eight goals and three assists (2022-2023).

# INTERNATIONAL

Stevens represented the United States Women's National Soccer Team (USWNST) at the U-17, U-19, U-20, and U-23 levels. She helped the U-20 team win the CONCACAF Women's U-20 Championship and recorded two goals and one assist in three matches with the U-19 team in New Zealand. Stevens also trained with the U-23 teams at the 2018 Thorns Spring Invitational in Portland.

# COLLEGE

At Duke University, Stevens was a four-time All-ACC selection and one of the program's top offensive threats. As a senior (2019) she earned United Soccer Coaches All-Atlantic Region Second Team and All-ACC Second Team honors while tying for the team lead in points and assists, and scoring eight goals. She started every match that season and played a key role in Duke's midfield and attack. Over her collegiate career, Stevens appeared in 91 matches and consistently ranked among the team's leaders in goals, assists, and points.

# ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2025 NWSL Championship
- 2024-25 Concacaf W Champions Cup
- All-ACC Second Team (2017, 2019)
- ACC All-Tournament Team (2017)

# OFF THE FIELD

- Likes to cook and learn new recipes
- Likes learning new languages
- Favorite snack: dried mango, no sugar added
- Favorite movie: A League of Their Own (1992)

# AÏSSATA TRAORÉ

- **Name (preferred):** Aissata Traore
- **Pronunciation:** Eye-sah-tah Trah-ohr-ray
- **Position:** Forward
- **Height:** 5'6"
- **Jersey Number:** 14
- **Date of Birth:** September 9, 1997
- **Hometown:** Bamako, Mali
- **Citizenship:** Mali
- **College:** —
- **Last Team:** FC Fleury 91 Feminines
- **How Acquired:** Free agent

## PROFESSIONAL

2024–2025 (FC Fleury 91, France)

Scored nine goals and recorded four assists in 20 appearances during her first season in France's Division 1 Feminine.

2019–2024 (En Avant Guingamp, France)

Spent five seasons in the French top flight, establishing herself as a reliable attacking threat.

2019 (Besiktas J.K., Turkey)

Helped Besiktas secure the Turkish Women's First Football League championship title.

## INTERNATIONAL

First capped for Mali in 2018, featuring in the Women's Africa Cup of Nations (WAFCON) where she helped the team reach the semifinals. Currently represents Mali at the 2025 WAFCON in Morocco.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- First player from Mali to sign in the NWSL (2025)

- Turkish league champion with Besiktas (2019)
- 9 goals, 4 assists in debut season with FC Fleury 91 (2024–25)
- WAFCON semifinalist with Mali (2018)

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