



NC Courage Media Guide

2021 NWSL SEASON



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About the NC Courage

The North Carolina Courage is a professional women's soccer team that plays in the NWSL (Women's First Division). The NC Courage are the reigning two-time NWSL Champions and three-time NWSL Shield-winners. On January 9, 2017, the North Carolina Football Club announced it had entered into an agreement to acquire the rights to the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) 2016 Champion Western New York Flash. The club was then renamed the North Carolina Courage. Steve Malik, owner of the North Carolina Courage, announced his intent to secure the awarding of an NWSL team on December 6, 2016 and achieved that objective in only one month's time.

The North Carolina Courage crest is a nod to the history of women's professional soccer in North Carolina, incorporating a stylized lion, a major component of the old WUSA Carolina Courage logo, while retaining the brand identity of the club's parent organization with the signature North Carolina Football Club star and the separated triangle. Additionally, the colors mirror those of the men's side, uniting the two teams under the North Carolina Football Club umbrella, while maintaining their individual identity.

In their inaugural season, the North Carolina Courage won the NWSL regular season, bringing the NWSL Shield home to North Carolina. The team also advanced to the NWSL Championship game. The NC Courage had three league award winners: Abby Dahlkemper (Defender of the Year), Ashley Hatch (Rookie of the Year) and Paul Riley (Coach of the Year).

In 2018, the NC Courage were the NWSL Champions and Shield-winners breaking the NWSL record for the most wins in a season with 17. The team also broke the record for most points (57), fewest losses (1), most goals scored (53), fewest goals allowed (17), lowest goals against average (.71), and largest goal differential (+36). The Courage defeated the Portland Thorns, 3-0, on September 22, 2018 to win the NWSL Championship. Coach Paul Riley was named NWSL Coach of the Year again in 2018. Jessica McDonald was named the NWSL Championship MVP.

In 2019, the Courage won their third-consecutive NWSL Championship before becoming the first NWSL team to win the NWSL Championship on their home turf. In the Courage's 4-0 NWSL Championship win over the Chicago Red Stars, Debinha was named the MVP.

In a shortened 2020 season due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the NC Courage participated in the 2020 NWSL Challenge Cup and the NWSL Fall Series.



NC Courage 2021 Kits



HOME



AWAY



GK - AWAY



GK - HOME



Staff Directory

Curt Johnson	President and General Manager
Pete Sciandra	Executive Vice President
Bobby Hammond	Sr. Vice President of Operations, NC Courage Asst. GM
Jorge Acuna	Vice President, Game Operations & Broadcasting
Frank Fitzgerald	Director of Operations
Megan O'Keefe	Director of Communications
Nikki Stoudt	Communications Manager
Megan Rogers	Vice President, Marketing
Ryan Hoelscher	Creative Content Manager
Letitia Stolarczyk	Ticket Sales Account Executive
Seth Luck	Manager of Corporate Partnership Activation
Doug Strom	Controller
Nic Platter	Assistant General Manager and Keeper Coach, NCFC
Kyle Prairie	Chief Revenue Officer
Santiago Lucio	Director of Corporate Sponsorships
Matt Whiteside	Vice President, Merchandising and Strategic Projects
Erin Murray	Director of Merchandising
Shonda Mitchell	General Accountant



Technical Staff

Paul Riley	Head Coach
Scott Vallow	Assistant Coach
Bill Palladino	Assistant Coach
Sean Nahas	Assistant Coach
Nathan Thackeray	Assistant Coach
Emma Thomson	Assistant Coach
Vanessa Fulcher	Equipment Manager
Jane Sweeney	Head Athletic Trainer (Select PT)
Kenny Lynne	Team Physical Therapist (Select PT)
Dr. Mike Young	Fitness Coach (Athletic Lab)
Austin Both	Assistant Fitness Coach (Athletic Lab)
Dr. Kristen Clarey	Medical Director
Dr. Jonathan Chappell, MD	Head Team Physician (Wake Ortho)



Ownership



Steve Malik **Chairman & Owner**

A visionary entrepreneur with three decades of health information technology experience, Steve Malik has served as the chairman and owner of North Carolina Football Club since 2015. Since joining the club, Malik has ushered in a new era for soccer in North Carolina. He oversaw a full rebrand of the club in 2016 before securing the arrival of the North Carolina Courage and the birth of an historic partnership with North Carolina FC Youth in 2017, creating the largest youth-to-pro club in the country. Under Malik's guidance, the Courage have been the National Women's Soccer League's most successful club since arriving in North Carolina, winning consecutive NWSL titles in 2018-19. Additionally, Malik has helped North Carolina FC develop a reputation as one of the most ambitious clubs in the nation, having played English Premier League clubs West Ham United and Swansea City while also bringing in former U.S. National Team manager Dave Sarachan as head coach.

Touted for his business acumen and leadership ability, Malik serves on the U.S. Soccer Federation Board of Directors and is Chairman of the NWSL Executive Committee, where he helps shape the future of both men's and women's soccer in the U.S.

Currently, Malik heads Greenlight Health Data Services, a patient-initiated health data retrieval company. The founder of the Cary, N.C.-based Medfusion, Malik began the company in 1996 and re-acquired it in 2013 before selling again in November 2019. A 2010 finalist for the Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year, Malik helped Medfusion grow from a medical website development company to the leading provider of enhanced healthcare communication solutions.

The son of a chemical engineer, Malik was born in Swansea, Wales, and moved to Kinston, N.C., at the age of four, where he grew up before attending the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. Malik graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration with honors from UNC-Chapel Hill. Malik resides in Raleigh with his wife, Kathleen, and their four children. In his free time, Malik enjoys soccer, fishing and sailing.



Ownership



Naomi Osaka

Owner

Naomi Osaka is one of the most explosive and influential tennis players of all-time. She is the first Asian player to hold the No.1 ranking in singles and the first Japanese player to win a Grand Slam. Her extraordinary tennis triumphs combined with her off-court activism make her one of the biggest global names in all of sports. In 2013, Osaka entered the WTA professional circuit as a rising star quickly gaining fans and media attention through her powerful serve and strong forehand. Soon thereafter in January 2016, Osaka qualified to enter her first Grand Slam, progression into the third round. That year, Osaka won “Newcomer of the Year” at the 2016 WTA Awards. Two years later in 2018, Naomi has one of the strongest seasons to date, winning 2 Grand Slams.

In 2020, Osaka won her second US Open title capturing the world’s attention against the backdrop of a pandemic and social unrest. In 2020, Osaka was named Sports Illustrated Sportsperson of the Year, Ad Weeks Most Powerful Woman in Sports, Forbes Highest Paid Female Athlete of all Time, and one of Time Magazine 100 Most Influential People, while gracing the cover of The Wall Street Journal Magazine, Ad Week, Sports Illustrated, The New York Times, High Snobiety, Harpers Bazaar Japan and Vogue, to only name a few. Her name also became known as a voice in activism on and off the court with bold statements publicizing the names of victims of police brutality and shining a light on social inequality in our nation. 2020 also highlighted Naomi’s love for all things fashion as she appeared at New York Fashion week for the first time, showcasing a collation she co-designed with Adeam. The show garnered positive reviews from fashion publications such as Vogue and WWD.

In addition, Osaka continues to pursue her love of art, fashion, and design with a second collection with Adeam and Mastercard based on the cities in Japan. Osaka has appeared in publications such as Allure, Harpers Bazaar, i-D, InStyle, The New York Times, Vogue, and has appeared on talk shows such as The Ellen DeGeneres Show, CBS This Morning, TODAY, and GMA. Her various brand partnerships include Nike, Mastercard, Beats, Nissan, PlayStation, Louis Vuitton which make her the world’s most marketable athlete. Naomi is the proud daughter of a Haitian father and Japanese mother and was born in Osaka, Japan. She moved to the United States with her family at the age of 3. She represents Japan in competition and will be the face of the Tokyo 2020 Games. Osaka currently resides full-time in Los Angeles, CA.



Team Executives

Curt Johnson, President and General Manager

Johnson, a Raleigh native, played soccer locally with CASL, Ravenscroft School and NC State. As a defender for the Wolfpack, Johnson started 72 games in four years and as a senior captain, helped lead his team to the 1990 ACC Championship and NCAA semifinals. After graduating in 1991, he returned to NC State as a volunteer assistant coach.

Before heading up the RailHawks (now North Carolina FC) in 2011, he was GM with the Richmond Kickers from 1997-1999 and the Kansas City Wizards from 1999-2006, a club he helped guide to a 2000 MLS Cup and Supporters' Shield as well as a 2004 Lamar Hunt US Open Cup. Following the Wizards, Johnson returned to the Carolinas where he worked briefly for the Carolina Hurricanes of the NHL and US Club Soccer in Charleston, SC.

As president and general manager of the North Carolina Football Club, he helps lead the state's most successful professional soccer organization both from a team and business perspective. He has helped push the club to two NASL regular season championships, increased attendance, and an enriched fan experience.

In December 2016, Johnson led the club in introducing the New State of Soccer, transitioning from the Carolina RailHawks to North Carolina FC. Johnson became the president and General Manager of the North Carolina Courage (NWSL) in January 2017 after the club acquired the 2016 NWSL Champions, the Western New York Flash.

With the North Carolina Football Club, Johnson is active in promoting soccer at all levels on and off the field, with an emphasis on youth soccer partnerships with North Carolina FC Youth and throughout the state. He has been inducted into the Ravenscroft School Hall of Fame, Capital Area Soccer League (CASL) Hall of Fame, and the North Carolina Soccer Hall of Fame.



Coaches Bios



Paul Riley Head Coach

Since the Western New York Flash relocated to Cary in 2017, Riley has led the North Carolina Courage to three consecutive NWSL Shields, an ICC Championship, and two NWSL Championship. Riley is no stranger to the NWSL Championship, having also won it with the Western New York Flash in 2016. Before coaching the Flash, he was the head coach of the Portland Thorns in 2014 and 2015. Riley was named NWSL Coach of the Year in both 2017 and 2018.

In 2010 and 2011, the Liverpool, England native coached the Philadelphia Independence of Women's Professional Soccer to back-to-back championship game appearances. With a 26-16-3 record in his two years with the team, Riley was named the WPS Coach of the Year in 2010 and 2011.

Before the Independence, Riley coached the Long Island Fury (WPSL) to a league Championship in 2006 and 2009, earning him the WPSL Coach of the Year Award in 2009. The team was Eastern Conference Champions four years in a row under his leadership and went 48-6-8.

Riley coached collegiately for CW Post from 1991-1997 and was awarded New York Regional Coach of the Year in 1991. With a 98-48-11 overall record, Riley was NYCAC Coach of the Year five times. He then moved on to coach the Long Island Rough Riders (USISL, USL D3 Pro), where he won the league championship in 2002.

His own professional playing career began in the United States where he played for the Long Island Rough Riders, Albany Capitals, New Jersey Eagles, Glen Cove, Hercules, and New York Atlas. He is the all-time assists leader for the Rough Riders.



Coaches Bios (cont.)



Scott Vallow **Assistant Coach**

Vallow was a member of the coaching staff of the Championship-winning 2016 Western New York Flash team; the 2017, 2018, and 2019 NC Courage Shield Winner team; and the 2018 and 2019 Championship-winning NC Courage team. Vallow also coached the team to the first ever Women's ICC title in 2018 and runner-up at the 2019 Women's ICC.

The California native played collegiately at Bowling Green University, where he made 85 starts as the team's goalkeeper and was a member of the 1995 and 1996 teams that advanced to the Sweet Sixteen round of the NCAA Championship.

After his collegiate career, Vallow went on to have a successful career with the Rochester Rhinos. There, Vallow brought the team to the 2000 Championship, and he was also named the A-League Goalkeeper of the Year. Overall, Vallow made 167 appearances with the team from 2000-2002 and 2005-2010.

Vallow started his coaching career in 2011 after he retired from his playing days with the Raging Rhinos. He joined the coaching staff of the Flash and remained there until 2013. Next, he returned to the Rhinos, this time as an assistant coach, for the 2014 season.

In 2015, Vallow was an assistant coach with Portland Thorns FC before returning to the Flash for the 2016 season. He followed head coach Paul Riley to the North Carolina Courage when the Flash relocated.



Coaches Bios (cont.)



Sean Nahas Assistant Coach

Nahas brings 14 years of experience with Capital Area Soccer League (now North Carolina FC Youth) to the NC Courage. In addition to being an assistant coach for the NC Courage, Nahas is a coach for the NC Courage Academy. He has held several leadership positions with CASL including Director of Girls Classic Soccer, ECNL Director, and Director of CASL Player Development. As ECNL Director, he helped CASL reach its highest ranking in USYS of No.7 nationally in 2010-2011.

Nahas also has valuable US National Team coaching experience including assistant coaching positions with the U20 USWNT and U14 Youth National Team and serving as a US National Team Youth Scout. Nahas was a member of the coaching staff that led the NC Courage to their 2018 and 2019 NWSL Championships.



Nathan Thackeray Assistant Coach

Thackeray started his coaching career in 2011 after playing with England's Bradford City from 2003-2006 and William Woods University from 2006-2010. He worked with Young Harris College in Georgia, and then became the Head of Goalkeeping at the Houston Dynamo Academy in 2012. Thackeray, a USSF licensed coach, is currently the Director of Goalkeeping at the NC Courage Academy. He was a member of the coaching staff in 2018 and 2019 when the Courage won back-to-back NWSL Championships.



Coaches Bios (cont.)



Bill Palladino
Assistant Coach

Palladino is a respected member of the soccer community as he was the long-time chief assistant coach to the University of North Carolina women's soccer team. In 36 years with the Tar Heels, Palladino helped Anson Dorrance lead UNC to 22 national titles, which is more than every other school in the country combined. Palladino was awarded the Glenn "Mooch" Myernick Award as the national assistant coach of the year by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America following the 2012 season and was the key defensive mind behind the 1987 UNC team that allowed only two goals during the regular season.



Charlie Naimo
Technical Advisor

Since 2017, Naimo has served as Technical Advisor for the North Carolina Courage where he assists with scouting and roster development for the club. Previously he served as Technical Director for the NWSL's Western New York Flash from 2014-2016, helping form the backbone of their 2016 Championship season by drafting future U.S. National Team players Abby Dahlkemper, Samantha Mewis, Lynn Williams, and Jaelene Hinkle. In addition to serving as the LA Sol General Manager from 2008-2009 and as a Technical Advisor for the Chicago Red Stars in 2010, Naimo was a decorated coach with several W-League teams from 1995-2014, where his impressive accolades include: the most wins in league history as a Head Coach, three-time National Coach of the Year, five-time league champion, two Organization of the Year awards, one USL Progress award, and, in 2012, was named the W-League Executive of the Year and inducted into the USL Hall of Fame.



Katelyn Rowland #0



Pronunciation: Roll-and
Position: G
Height: 5'11"
Jersey Number: 0
Date of Birth: 3/16/94
Age: 27
Hometown: Vacaville, CA
Citizenship: USA
College: UCLA
Last Club: WNY Flash
How Acquired: Acquired by the Flash on 6/10/16 via trade with FC Kansas City

Professional

2020: Started two games in the Fall Series and had four saves. Started three games for 270 minutes and recorded six saves in the Challenge Cup.

2019: Rowland started in 6 games in 2019, playing for 540 minutes. She had 15 saves throughout the season.

2018: Rowland started in 19 games in 2018, playing for a total of 1,710 minutes. She had 47 saves during the course of the season. She had eight clean sheets, including a clean sheet in the NWSL Championship game.

2017: Rowland started in 18 games, played for 1,620 minutes and recorded 13 saves on the season, plus earned nine clean sheets. She and teammate Sabrina D'Angelo set a league record with their combined 12 shutouts in the 2017 season. Rowland had a goals against average of 0.7 in 2017. She was also nominated for NWSL Goalkeeper of the Year and was named to the league's Second Best XI.

2016: Played in six games for the Flash, totaling 540 minutes. Made 16 saves and averaged 1.33 goals against per game. Katelyn Rowland was acquired by the Flash on June 10, 2016, via trade with FC Kansas City. **2015:** Selected by FC Kansas City as the 17th overall pick in the 2015 NWSL College Draft.

International

Starting goalkeeper for the U.S. Under-20 National Team at the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup and CONCACAF Championship. Won the Golden Glove at the CONCACAF Championship, totaling four shutouts in each of her four starts in the tournament. Former pool player with the U-18 Team. Traveled with the U-17s to Denmark in 2010. First brought into the U.S. National Team Program with the U-15s in 2008.

College

Rowland played all four years at UCLA from 2011-2014 where she set NCAA records for career shutouts (55) and single-season shutouts (19).

High School/Club

Rowland attended Vacaville Christian for high school. She helped her club team, San Juan, to a national championship in 2008 and was awarded the tournament's Golden Gloves Award at the final four. Rowland was named Top Drawer Soccer's "Player to Watch" in 2008. She was also a varsity basketball and volleyball player at Vacaville Christian High School, earning all-league honors in both sports.



Casey Murphy #1



Pronunciation: Mer-fee
Position: G
Height: 6'1"
Jersey Number: 1
Date of Birth: 4/25/1996
Age: 25
Hometown: Bridgewater Township, NJ
Citizenship: USA
College: Rutgers University
Last Club: OL Reign
How Acquired: Traded to NC Courage from the OL Reign in October 2020 for Crystal Dunn

Professional

2020: Started in three of four Fall Series matches for the OL Reign and had 18 saves. Started two games and played 180 minutes in the Challenge Cup.

2019: Made a total of 26 appearance for the club across all competitions.

2018: Made 29 appearances for Montpellier HSC and was selected by the French media as the Division 1 Féminine's best goalkeeper in their league's Best XI.

International

United States youth international at the U14, U15, U18, U20, and U23 levels, Represented the US at the 2016 U20 World Cup in Papua New Guinea. 2021: Was named part of the senior squad for the 2021 SheBelieves Cup.

College

Received Female Big Ten Medal of Honor in May 2018, 2-time Big Ten Goalkeeper of the year and All-Big Ten First Team selection, 2017 Mac Hermann Trophy Semifinalist. 2017: Started all 21 matches she played for Rutgers University. Named the Big Ten Goalkeeper of the Year and First Team All-Big Ten. Holds the Rutgers record for clean sheets (45) and is second on the Big Ten all-time list. 2016: Redshirted to play with the United States U20 Team at the 2016 Women's U20 World Cup in Papua New Guinea. 2015: Played every minute of the 26 matches she started in goal. Named Big Ten Goalkeeper of the Year and First Team All-Big Ten. 2014: Started all 20 matches she played in goal for Rutgers University and was selected to the Big 10 All-Freshman Team.

High School/Club

Murphy attended and played soccer and basketball for Bridgewater-Raritan High School. She also trained with the PDA Slammers, part of the Elite Clubs National League. Murphy was the No. 18 overall player in New Jersey and was a four-star recruit. In 2014, she chose to attend Rutgers University.



Taylor Smith #2



Pronunciation: Smith
Position: D
Height: 5'3"
Jersey Number: 2
Date of Birth: 12/1/93
Age: 27
Hometown: Fort Worth, TX
Citizenship: USA
College: UCLA
Last Club: OL Reign
How Acquired: Traded from OL Reign in exchange for Ally Watt in December 2020

Professional

2020: Made a return to soccer during the 2020 NWSL Challenge Cup, where she played in all four games for the Reign. Also played in three matches during the Fall Series.

2019: Did not make an appearance for OL Reign in the 2019 season because of her ACL injury.

2018: Made 23 appearances for the Spirit during the 2018 season. Signed with the Newcastle Jets of Australia's W-League on loan at the end of the NWSL season and won Player of the Month honors for the team in November before suffering an ACL tear in December.

2017: Made 24 appearances in all competitions for the club during the 2017 season, helping the Courage to win the Community Shield and return to the NWSL championship game.

2016: Made 18 appearances for the Western New York Flash, two of which were starts, and scored two goals. Helped the club win the 2016 NWSL Championship over the Washington Spirit.

College

2015: As the UCLA Bruins' team co-captain, started 14 out of 14 appearances while scoring two goals and adding two assists. **2014:** Started all 24 games she appeared in, scoring nine goals and adding six assists. Named Second-Team All-Pac-12. **2013:** Started 25 of her 26 appearances for the team, recorded eight goals and 10 assists. Helped the Bruins win their first NCAA Division 1 College Cup title, was also a First-Team All-Pac-12 selection. **2012:** Started 17 out of the 23 games she played, scoring eight goals and assisting four. Named to Pac-12 All-Freshman Team.

International

Has made 10 appearances with the U.S. Women's National Team, including two starts in the USWNT's 2018 SheBelieves Cup victory.

High School/Club

Smith attended Fort Worth Country Day School where she captained the varsity soccer team for three years. She also played field hockey and ran track and field. Smith earned conference honors in both soccer and track. She was ranked as the eighth top national college recruit by Top Drawer Soccer and ESPN. Top Drawer Soccer ranked her as the top recruit in the state of Texas and she was twice named Youth All-American by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA). Smith played club soccer for Solar Chelsea. She helped the LA Blues win the USL W-League title in 2014.



Kaleigh Kurtz #3



Professional

2020: Started and played in three games for 182 minutes in the Fall Series. Played and started one game for 90 minutes in the Challenge Cup.

2019: Kurtz played 810 minutes in nine matches. She had a passing accuracy of 77.2%.

2018: Signed with the NC Courage in March. Started and played in six games for 540 minutes.

College

2016: In her senior season at the University of South Carolina, Kurtz was named the SEC Defensive Player of the Year and All-SEC First Team. She started all 24 matches and had five assists. **2015:** Had her first collegiate goal of her career. Started 20 games during the season. **2014:** Played in 25 games for a total of 552 minutes in her first year at University of South Carolina. **2013:** Played 18 games for Richmond College and had one assist.

High School/Club

Kurtz attended Riverside High School and was a four-star prospect and ranked No. 127 nationally, No. 15 in the South Region and No. 28 in the country among defenders. She was a four-time ECNL All-Event Team selection and an ECNL Top Performer in 2012. She helped lead Carolina Elite Soccer Academy (CESA) to seven state championships. Kurtz won the 2012 regional championship and finished sixth at Nationals.

Pronunciation: Kay-lee

Position: D

Height: 5'8"

Jersey Number: 3

Date of Birth: 9/9/94

Age: 26

Hometown: Greer, SC

Citizenship: USA

College: University of South Carolina

Last Club: University of South Carolina

How Acquired: Joined NC Courage roster ahead of the 2018 regular season



Carson Pickett #4



Pronunciation: Pick-it
Position: D
Height: 5'8"
Jersey Number: 4
Date of Birth: 9/05/93
Age: 27
Hometown: Spartanburg, SC
Citizenship: USA
College: Florida State University
Last Club: Orlando Pride
How Acquired: Traded from Orlando Pride in February 2021 for the rights to Jodie Taylor

Professional

2020: Orlando Pride - Did not make an appearance in 2020 for Orlando as the club withdrew from NWSL Challenge Cup due to positive COVID-19 tests among players and staff.

2020: Apollon Ladies - Went out on loan to the Cypriot side Apollon Ladies for their 2020 season. Did not make an appearance for the club.

2019/2020: Brisbane Roar - Started all 11 of the games she played in the 19/20 season for the Roar, scoring 3 goals and notching 1 assist. Named the Roar's Player of the Year.

2019: Orlando Pride - Started 19 of 20 games for the Pride during the 2019 NWSL season.

2018/2019: Brisbane Roar - Started all 12 games she played in the 18/19 season for the Roar, scoring 2 goals and recording 3 assists.

2018: Orlando Pride - Started 16 of 19 appearances for the Pride during the 2018 NWSL season.

2017/2018: Brisbane Roar - Loaned to the Australian W-League's Brisbane Roar for their 2017-2018 season. Scored her first professional goal on 11/10/17 against Western Sydney Wanderers.

2017: Started all 21 of her appearances for the Reign in the 2017 NWSL season.

2016: Selected by the Reign with the 4th overall pick in the 2016 NWSL College Draft. Started 8 of 15 appearances and notched 1 assist in her first season as a pro.

International

Has represented the US Youth National Team at the U17 and U23 levels.

College

Played for Florida State University.

2012: Made 24 appearances, scoring 2 goals and adding 5 assists. Named to the ACC All-Freshmen Team.

2013: Started 22 of her 28 appearances. Recorded 4 goals and 4 assists on the season, helping the Seminoles to their second-ever College Cup final appearance.

2014: Started 25 of 26 appearances, with 2 goals and 13 assists on the season. Helped FSU win their first-ever College Cup Title, and named to both the ACC All-Tournament Team and All-ACC Academic Team.

2015: Started all 25 games her senior season, finishing with 1 goal and 9 assists. Named to the All-ACC Third Team, and finished tied for 10th all-time in NCAA history with 103 appearances.



Abby Erceg #6



Pronunciation: Er-seg
Position: D
Height: 5'10"
Jersey Number: 6
Date of Birth: 11/20/89
Age: 31
Hometown: Whangarei, NZ
Citizenship: New Zealand
College: N/A
Last Club: WNY Flash
How Acquired: Traded to the Flash in November 2015 from the Chicago Red Stars

Professional

2020: Started all five games of Challenge cup for a total of 450 minutes

2019: Started and played 22 games for a total of 1,985 minutes in the 2019 season. She scored one header goal during the season and was named to NWSL Second Best XI

2018: Erceg started every game and played every minute of all 26 games during the season. She scored two header goals during the season and also had two assists. She was named the NWSL Defender of the Year and NWSL Best XI.

2017: Started in 24 games and has played for 2127 minutes. She recorded one goal, two assist and 19 shots. She received three yellow cards and one red card. The captain was named to the NWSL's Second XI at the conclusion of the 2017 season. **2016:** Started in 16 out of 17 games played for the Flash, clocking 1,474 minutes. Had two goals and one assist as the team's 2016 captain.

2014-2015: Made 25 appearances for the Chicago Red Stars over two seasons. Sent to AS Elfen Saitama in Japan on a loan deal. Traded to the Flash in November of 2015.

2013-2014: Signed with FF USV Jena of Germany's Frauen-Bundesliga. Made 30 appearances and scored five goals. Was sent on loan to the Chicago Red Stars.

2011-2013: Made 23 appearances for Adelaide United in the Australian W-League.

2010: Made 25 appearances and scored 14 goals for Fencibles United in New Zealand.

2009: Made 23 appearances and scored 15 goals for Three Kings United FC in New Zealand.

2007-2008: Made 22 appearances and scored 12 goals for Western Springs AFC in New Zealand. **2004-2006:** Made 36 appearances and scored 17 goals for Three Kings United FC in New Zealand.

International

2019: Erceg came out of international retirement after Tom Sermani was named the new head coach of the New Zealand Women's National Team. She has represented New Zealand in friendlies leading up to the World Cup. She started and played in three games during the 2019 Women's World Cup for a total of 270 minutes. **2018:** Rejoined the New Zealand National Team for two friendlies against Scotland. **2017:** Announced her retirement from international play ahead of the 2017 Cyprus Cup. **2016:** Former captain of New Zealand's squad. Helped the Kiwis to a third place finish at the 2016 Algarve Cup. Played with New Zealand in the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio. **2015:** Played in all three matches for New Zealand in the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup in Canada. **2014:** Scored one goal in 16 matches. Became the first player to reach 100 caps for New Zealand on October 25 at the OFC Nations Cup. Helped New Zealand qualify for the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup. **2013:** Had 11 caps in the year. **2012:** 16 appearances with New Zealand including the 2012 London Olympic Games. **2011:** Became the youngest player to reach 50 caps for New Zealand at the Cyprus Cup. Made 13 appearances. A part of the Kiwis' squad at the 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup in Germany. NZF's Players' Player honoree. **2010:** Scored 2 goals in 12 matches. **2009:** Made 7 appearances with the Kiwis. **2008:** Played in 13 matches. Made appearances at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. Represented the Kiwis at the FIFA Women's U-20 World Cup. **2007:** Played in 15 matches, scoring 2 goals. Played in the 2007 FIFA Women's World Cup in China. Honored as the New Zealand Football Young Player of the Year. **2006:** Earned first full international cap on November 14 against China at 17 years-old. Played at the 2006 FIFA Women's U-20 World Cup.



Diane Caldwell #7



Professional

Played for SC Sand in Germany since 2016, captaining the team that plays in the Bundesliga. She appeared in 107 games with SC Sand in five seasons for a total of 7,979 minutes.

International

Has made 79 appearances with the Republic of Ireland since 2006. She has represented her country in Women's World Cup qualifying and UEFA Women's Euro qualifying, scoring a total of three international goals. Played eight games for 706 minutes in the EURO 2022 qualifiers.

College

Played for Hofstra University from 2006 – 2009. Named to All Mid-Atlantic Region third team by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America in 2009, named to All-CAA third team as a senior and captain. Scored 8 goals and 8 assists throughout her Hofstra career, won the 2007 CAA Championship as a sophomore.

Pronunciation: Called-well

Position: D

Height: 5'8"

Jersey Number: 7

Date of Birth: 9/11/88

Age: 32

Hometown: Balbriggan, IE

Citizenship: Ireland

College: N/A

Last Club: SC Sand

How Acquired: Signed with the NC Courage in January 2021



Denise O'Sullivan #8



Pronunciation: Den-ees
Position: M
Height: 5'4"
Position: M
Jersey Number: 8
Date of Birth: 2/4/94
Age: 27
Hometown: Cork, IE
Citizenship: Ireland
College: N/A
Last Club: Houston Dash
How Acquired: Acquired from the Houston Dash on 7/28/17

Professional

2020: Played in five games with four starts for a total of 405 minutes

2019: O'Sullivan played in 25 games with 24 starts for the 2019 season. She totaled 2,158 minutes with a 84.3% passing success rate and 1 assist.

2018: Played 1932 minutes in 24 games, 22 of which she started. She had 77.7% passing success rate during the season and three assists. O'Sullivan averaged 37 passes per game.

2017: O'Sullivan started in 13 out of 20 games played for the Courage, totaling 1,129 minutes. She tallied a goal and an assist in the 2017 season after being acquired by the NC Courage on July 28, 2017. She spent the first part of the 2017 NWSL season with the Houston Dash, where she made 11 appearances and tallied one assist.

2016: She appeared in 29 total games for the Dash, scoring two goals and making four assists since April 2016.

2013-2016: O'Sullivan was a valuable member of Scottish Women's Premier League's Glasgow City since July 2013 and impressively won eight trophies with the club. During that time, she made 65 starts and scored 33 goals.

2011-2013: O'Sullivan played for a number of European teams prior to Glasgow including Wilton United, Peamount United, and Cork City.

International

2019: Played every minute in nine matches during friendlies and World Cup qualifying.

2018: Played 720 minutes in eight games with the national team during World Cup qualifying matches. She scored one goal. **2017:** Played 741 minutes for the Republic of Ireland during 2017 and scored two goals. **2011:** Made her debut at 17 years old with Ireland's senior team. Scored both of the team's goals in her first match.



Lynn Williams #9



Pronunciation: Lin

Position: F

Height: 5'7"

Jersey Number: 9

Date of Birth: 5/21/93

Age: 27

Hometown: Fresno, CA

Citizenship: USA

College: Pepperdine
University

Last Club: WNY Flash

How Acquired: Selected by
the Flash in the 2015 NWSL
College Draft (No. 6 overall)

Professional

2020: Has played and started four games for 360 minutes, has scored three goals and assisted one goal in the Fall Series. Played and started five games for 416 minutes and scored three goals in the Challenge Cup.

2019: Started in 23 of the 24 games she played in during the season for a total of 2,052 minutes. She scored 12 goals and had 6 assists.

2018: Williams started in 22 of the 23 games she played in during the season for a total of 1887 minutes. She scored 14 goals on the season, coming in second place in the Golden Boot race. She also had five assists during the season. Williams was named to the 2018 NWSL Second XI.

2017: Williams started in 23 games and played for 2,006 minutes. She recorded nine goals and five assists during the 2017 season and took 83 shots.

2016: Started in all 19 games played, logging 1,670 minutes for the Flash. Scored 11 goals and tallied five assists in 2016, making her the NWSL Golden Boot winner and League MVP.

2015: Selected by the Flash in the 2015 NWSL College Draft (No. 6 overall). Signed a contract with the Flash on March 17th. Had 17 appearances for the Flash, including 13 starts. Scored 4 goals and had 4 assists. Named the WNY Flash's Offensive Player of the Year.

International

2019: The forward was called into November camps with the USWNT after Vlatko Andonovski was named head coach. It was her first call up in a year and a half. She played 2 games for a total of 88 minutes. She scored two goals.

2018: Williams has played 20 minutes in one friendly game in 2018 with the US Women's National Team. She also made three appearance with the team during The SheBelieves Cup for a total of 44 minutes.

2017: Williams played in 11 games, four of which she started. She played a total of 484 minutes and scored three goals.

2016: Made four appearances and scored one goal for the USWNT.

2015: Member of the U-23 Women's National team in La Manga during the Six Nations Cup. Scored the game winner against England to lead her team to victory.

College

Williams graduated from Pepperdine University. **2014:** Accumulated 24 goals, 15 game-winning goals, and 398 shots, which ranks 1st in Pepperdine women's soccer history. She also finished her career with 39 assists and 102 points, both which ranked her second in school history. Led her team with 14 goals and 10 assists. Led her team to an NCAA Sweet 16 appearance. Earned her third straight All-WCC first team honor.

2013: Started the first 15 games of the season before suffering an injury. Finished the season with 11 goals and three assists.

2012: Led the team in shots with 97. Registered team-high five goals in WCC play.

2011: Started all 20 games as a true freshman. Finished the season with six goals and eight assists.

High School/Club

Williams graduated from Bullard High School in Fresno, California in 2011, where she played four years on the varsity team. She was an ESPN RISE All-American third teamer in 2011 and set the school scoring record with 117 career goals.



Debinha #10



Pronunciation: De-been-ya

Position: M

Height: 5'2"

Jersey Number: 10

Date of Birth: 10/20/91

Age: 29

Hometown: Basópolis, BR

Citizenship: Brazil

College: N/A

Last Club: Dalian Quanjian

How Acquired: Signed with

the Western New York

Flash on 01/05/17

Professional

2020: Has played 360 minutes and has scored four goals and assisted one goal in the Fall Series. Played and started five games for 419 minutes and scored one goal in the Challenge Cup.

2019: Played in 21 games and started 19 of them for a total of 1,737 minutes. She scored 10 goals and has 7 assists. She took 69 shots with 30 on goal.

2018: Played in 23 games, starting 22 of them, for a total of 1896 minutes. Debinha scored nine goals on the season and added two assists. She took 54 shots, 25 of which were on goal.

2017: Debinha played in 25 games, starting 17 for a total of 1,481 minutes. She recorded four goals, two assist, and 34 shots during the 2017 season.

2016: Played for Dalian Quanjian in the Chinese Women's Super League.

2013-15: Scored 23 goals in 30 appearances for Avaldsnes IL in the Norwegian Toppserien. She was Toppserien top goal-scorer in 2014. **2014:** Went on a short loan spell to SÅ o José.

2011-13: Played for Centro Olímpico. In 2012, the club was the runner-up in the Copa do Brasil.

International

2019: Played in the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup with Brazil. She started all four games and had one assist during the tournament. **2018:** Debinha made 13 appearances with the Brazilian National team during 2018. She played a total of 720 minutes and scored three goals. **2017:** Played 144 minutes for the Brazilian national team between the Tournament of Nations and friendlies. She scored two goals during the year. **2011:** Made her senior debut in the Pan American Games in Guadalajara. **2010:** Represented Brazil in the 2010 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup.



Merritt Mathias #11



Pronunciation: Math-eye-iss

Position: D

Height: 5'6"

Jersey Number: 11

Date of Birth: 7/2/90

Age: 30

Hometown: Birmingham, Al.

Citizenship: USA

College: Texas A&M

Last Club: OL Reign

How Acquired: Acquired from the OL Reign

Professional

2020: Out due to ACL injury

2019: Mathias started and played 20 games for a total of 1,772 minutes before a season ending injury. She took 22 shots and had 5 assists.

2018: Mathias was traded to the North Carolina Courage from the Seattle Reign. She started 24 games in 2018, scoring three goals and adding three assists. One of her goals was featured on Sports Center's Top 10. Mathias played a total of 2140 minutes during the season.

2017: Played 21 games and scored two goals. She also had an assist during the season.

2016: Started 17 games and made appearances in two others during the year. She played a total of 1,431 minutes and scored one goal.

2015: Recorded 1,480 minutes and started 19 games in her first season with Seattle.

2014: Played in 22 matches for FC Kansas City, 18 of which she started. She was traded to the Seattle Reign at the end of the 2014 season.

2013: Selected 23rd overall in the NWSL Supplemental Draft by FC Kansas City and started 20 games in her first season. She scored two goals during the season.

International

2018: Mathias was called up for an international friendly, making a 16-minute appearance with the U.S. Women's National Team for the first time in two years. She was also on the roster for the Tournament of Nations. **2016:** First called up to the United States women's national team in October 2016 for friendlies against Switzerland.

College

2011: Started all 24 matches during the season and scored eight goals. She also had eleven assists. Named All-OBig 12 First Team. **2010:** Transferred to Texas A&M where she started 20 games and scored nine goals. **2008:** Played in 20 matches as a freshman at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

High School/Club

Mathias attended Oak Mountain High School where she was a Parade Magazine high school All-America selection in 2007 and a 2006 and 2007 National High School Coaches Association All-America.



Ryan Williams #13



Pronunciation: Williams
Position: D
Height: 5'6"
Jersey Number: 13
Date of Birth: 2/23/96
Age: 25
Hometown: Centennial, CO
Citizenship: USA
College: TCU
Last Club: TCU
How Acquired: Selected 40th overall in the NWSL by the NC Courage

Professional

2020: Has played 354 minutes in four games and has one assist in the Fall Series. Played and started one game for 90 minutes in the Fall Series.

2019: Started three of the four games she played for a total of 232 minutes.

2018: Drafted by the Courage in the 2018 NWSL College Draft. Was signed as a national team replacement for the season and made one appearance as a substitute for a total of 10 minutes.

College

2017: Started and played in 22 matches. Had six assists and one goal. **2016:** Played in 20 games during the season. Played every minute of 18 of those games. Had two assists. **2015:** Had 5 assists in 19 games started and played. **2014:** Started 18 of 19 games for 1,702 minutes. Had two assists.

High School/Club

Williams attended Cherry Creek High school where she was a part of the team that won the 2012 5A state championship. She played club soccer with the Colorado Rush in the Elite Clubs National League (ECNL). Won the ECNL national championship in the 2011-2012 season.



Jessica McDonald #14



Pronunciation: McDonald
Position: F
Height: 6'0"
Jersey Number: 14
Date of Birth: 2/28/88
Age: 32
Hometown: Phoenix, AZ
Citizenship: USA
College: UNC Chapel Hill
Last Club: WNY Flash
How Acquired: Acquired by WNY Flash in a trade with Houston Dash in January 2016

Professional

2020: Played in two games for a total of 71 minutes

2019: McDonald played in 16 games and started 11 games for a total of 1,031 minutes. She scored 6 goals and had 3 assists during the season.

2018: McDonald was named MVP of the NWSL Championship after scoring two goals in the championship game. She played in 25 games throughout the season, scoring 10 goals. She also had eight assists. She played a total of 1,865 minutes.

2017: McDonald played in 21 games, starting 11 for a total of 1,122 minutes. She recorded four goals, three assists, and 35 shots.

2016: Played in and started 19 games for the Flash, totaling 1,665 minutes. Scored 10 goals and had the most assists on the team in 2016 with seven.

2015: Appeared in nine matches for the Houston Dash. Scored five goals.

2014: Appeared in 24 matches for Portland Thorns FC. Scored 11 goals.

2013: Re-joined the Chicago Red Stars in 2013 and appeared in nine matches with Chicago before being waived and eventually signed by Seattle. Appeared in seven matches for Seattle Reign FC and tallied three goals.

2012: Started in all 13 of her appearances for Melbourne Victory FC in Australia's W-League. Tallied seven goals and helped the squad to the Grand Final match.

2010: Was the 15th overall pick by Chicago Red Stars in the 2010 WPS Draft. Made five appearances before suffering an injury in her rookie season.

International

2019: McDonald joins the U.S. Women's National Team for January camps and friendlies. She was selected as one of the 23 players on UWSNT Women's World Cup Roster. She played 1 game during the World Cup for a total of 45 minutes. **2018:** McDonald made an appearance in November 2018, scoring a goal in her first cap to earn the USWNT the win. She made an appearance in one other game for a total of 68 minutes. **2017:** McDonald was called up to participate in the US Women's National Team January training camp in Carson, California. Appeared on USWNT roster for the SheBelieves Cup in March 2017. **2009:** Member of Team USA U-23 team. **2007:** Represented Team USA at the Pan-Am games.

College

Attended Phoenix College for two years before transferring to the University of North Carolina. **2008:** Played a key role in the Tar Heels' run to the National Championship. Played in 21 games and had 17 starts. Scored five goals and had 10 assists, which led the team. Ended up winning the National Championship with UNC.

High School/Club

McDonald graduated from Cactus High School in Glendale, Ariz. in 2006. She was a member of the Sereno Soccer club from 2000-2007 where she won a state championship each year she played.



Schuyler DeBree #15



Pronunciation: Sky-ler Duh-

Bray

Position: F

Height: 5'8"

Jersey Number: 15

Date of Birth: 9/05/96

Age: 25

Hometown: Fair Haven, NJ

Citizenship: USA

College: Duke

Last Club: OL Reign

How Acquired: Received rights to DeBree from the OL Reign in exchange for 2022 3rd round draft pick in March 2021

Professional

2020: Reign FC, Did not make an appearance for the club.

2019: AC Sparta Praha - Won the Czech 1st Division with the club, making 2 appearances in the UEFA Women's Champions League during that season

2018: Drafted 11th overall by the Spirit, though did not make an appearance for the club.

International

Trained with the US Youth National Team at the U14, U15, U18, U19 and U20 levels

College

Played for Duke University 2014-2017. 2014: Started all 18 matches she appeared in, recording 2 assists. 2015: Started 8 of her 11 appearances for the team before an ACL tear cut her season short. 2016: Started all 23 matches she played in, recording 11 shutouts. 2017: Played and started in 26 matches, scoring 1 goal and adding 3 assists. Named ACC Defensive Player of the Year, United Soccer Coaches Third Team All-America, and United Soccer Coaches First Team Scholar All-America.



Hailie Mace #16



Pronunciation: Hay-lee
Position: F
Height: 5'7"
Jersey Number: 16
Date of Birth: 3/24/97
Age: 23
Hometown: Ventura, CA
Citizenship: USA
College: UCLA
Last Club: FC Rosengard
How Acquired: Signed in trade with Sky Blue FC in exchange for McCall Zerboni and fourth round pick in 2021 NWSL Draft

Professional

2020: Played in five games for a total of 85 minutes. Tallied an assist and 2 shots.

2019: Drafted by Sky Blue FC in the 2019 NWSL Draft, but did not sign with the team and joined Melbourne City FC on a guest player contract. Made two appearances with the club and scored one goal. In February 2019, Mace signed with FC Rosengard, where she scored four goals in 16 appearances.

International

2018: Selected to the U.S. team for the 2018 CONCACAF Women's Tournament and helped the U.S. win the tournament and qualify for the 2019 Women's World Cup. Recorded her first career start with the U.S. Women's National Team on Oct. 7, 2018, starting and playing all 90 minutes against Panama in a 5-0 victory. Earned her first cap with the full national team on Apr. 8, 2018, playing the final 31 minutes at center back in the USA's 6-2 win over Mexico. Earned her first senior team call-up in February 2018 as part of the preliminary roster for the SheBelieves Cup. **2017:** Participated in Youth National Team camps for the U-23s in April and July **2015:** Participated in Youth National Team camps for the U-20s

College

2018: Despite playing in just 13 games, Mace still ranked second on the team in scoring with nine goals and 24 points and tied for the team lead in game-winning goals with three. Selected to the Senior CLASS Award All-America First Team. Second-team All-West Region and All-Pac-12 selection as a defender. Selected to the MAC Hermann Trophy Watch List **2017:** MAC Hermann Trophy semifinalist. First-team All-American, All-West Region and All-Pac-12. Selected to the College Cup All-Tournament Team. Moved from center back to forward in 2017 and became UCLA's leading scorer with a career-high 15 goals and 33 points. Ranked second in the Pac-12 in goals and points and ranked ninth in the NCAA in goals scored. Led the team with four game-winning goals. One of two players to start in every game and started in 62 consecutive games.

2016: Earned honorable mention All-Pac-12 honors. One of two players who started all 22 games for the Bruins. Helped UCLA record nine shutouts. Second on the squad in minutes played with 1943 minutes. **2015:** Led Bruin freshmen in games played and started. Earned her first start against Texas and remained in the starting lineup the remainder of the year.

High School/Club

Mace totaled 26 goals and 15 assists during her senior year at Buena High School. She was awarded the Ventura County Sports Hall of Fame Player of the Year in 2015 and Channel League Offensive MVP in 2014. She played volleyball for four years and was an all-league and all-county performer. She played club soccer with Eagles SC in the Elite Clubs National League (ECNL).



Havana Solaun #19



Pronunciation: Ha-van-ah So-lawn

Position: M

Height: 5'9"

Jersey Number: 19

Date of Birth: 2/23/1993

Age: 28

Hometown: Gainesville, FL

Citizenship: USA, Jamaica

College: University of Florida

Last Club: Apollon Ladies FC

How Acquired: Signed with NC Courage in September 2020

Professional

2020: Paris FC - Signed with Paris FC for their 2020 season, but did not make an appearance for the club.

2020: Apollon Ladies - Signed with Cypriot side Apollon Ladies for their 2020 season, but did not make an appearance for the club.

2020: NC Courage - Started 1 of her 2 appearances in the 2020 NWSL Fall Series with the Courage.

2019: Klepp IL- Made 20 appearances with Klepp IL, scoring 10 goals for the Norwegian side.

2018: Washington Spirit - Started 5 of 13 matches, notching 1 assist for the Spirit in 2018.

2017: Washington Spirit - Started 20 out of 24 games for the Spirit in 2017, scoring 5 goals and adding 4 assists.

2016: Seattle Reign FC - Started 3 of 6 games played with the Reign during the 2016 season. Scored her first and only goal of the season against the Houston Dash on 6/12/16, her first as a professional.

2015: Seattle Reign FC - Selected 15th overall in the 2015 NWSL College Draft though did not make an appearance during the 2015 NWSL season due to injury.

International

Elected to represent Jamaica at the senior level over the United States, Cuba and other international squads. Has started 6 of her 8 caps with the "Reggae Girlz," and scored the team's only goal in their 2019 Women's World Cup loss to Australia.

College

Played for the University of Florida from 2011 – 2014. 2011: Made 21 appearances for the Gators, starting 4 of them. Scored 6 goals and added 6 assists en route to being named to the SEC All-Freshman Team. 2012: Started 24 of 25 games, scoring 7 goals and recording 8 assists. 2013: Started all 21 matches, scoring 8 goals and adding 9 assists. Was named to the All-SEC First Team. 2014: Started 22 out of 23 matches, scoring 9 goals and notching 9 assists in a season that saw her named to the All-SEC First Team for the second year in a row.



Lindsay Agnew #20



Pronunciation: Ag-new
Position: F
Height: 5'9"
Jersey Number: 20
Date of Birth: 3/31/95
Age: 25
Hometown: Kingston, ON
Citizenship: Canada
College: Ohio State University
Last Club: Houston Dash
How Acquired: Signed with NC Courage in July 2020

Professional

2020: The Houston Dash waived the rights to Agnew in January 2020. She was signed by Sydney FC in the W-League where she made four appearances.

2019: Played seven games and made five starts for the Houston Dash for a total of 373 minutes.

2018: Traded to the Houston Dash in exchange for the third overall pick in the 2018 NWSL Draft. Agnew would start six of the 12 games she played in for a total of 609 minutes.

2017: Selected by the Washington Spirit as the 19th overall pick in the NWSL Draft 2017. She would make eight appearances and two starts for the club for a total of 291 minutes.

International

2019: Represented Canada at the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup **2018:** Won Silver at 2018 CONCACAF Women's Championship and helped Canada qualify for the 2019 Women's World Cup. **2017:** Made her debut for Canada on March 6th, 2017. **2014:** Finished sixth with Canada at the 2014 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup **2012:** Won a silver medal at the 2012 CONCACAF Women's Under-17 Championship in Guatemala. Represented Canada at the 2012 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup. **2011:** Debuted in the Canadian youth program

College

Scored 18 goals and tallied 19 assists in 72 games for Ohio State University. She was a Second-Team Academic All-American.

High School/Club

Agnew attended Dublin Jerome High School where she played on the varsity soccer team all four years of her high school career. She also played basketball. After helping the team reach the state finals during her junior year, Agnew was named to first team All-Ohio and ESPNHS second team All-American. She played club soccer for Ohio Premier for five years and helped the team win the U-18 ECNL national championship in 2013.



Cari Roccaro #21



Pronunciation: Row-car-o

Position: D

Height: 5'6"

Jersey Number: 21

Date of Birth: 7/18/94

Age: 25

Hometown: East Islip, NY

Citizenship: USA

College: Notre Dame

Last Club: Houston Dash

How Acquired: Signed with NC Courage in April 2018

Professional

2020: Has played 353 minutes in four games in the Fall Series. Played two games with one start for 78 minutes in the Fall Series.

2019: Roccaro played in 15 games and started 11 of those games for a total of 920 minutes. She had one assist and took six shots.

2018: Started and played two games for 172 minutes.

2017: Played in 18 matches for 1,500 minutes.

2016: Drafted 5th overall in the NWSL Draft by the Houston Dash.

International

2014: Served as co-captain of the U-20 National Team. **2012:** A member of the U-20 National Team that won the FIFA U-20 World Cup. **2009:** Made her first appearance for the U-20 National Team.

College

2015: Led the Notre Dame defensive line, only allowing 11 goals during the course of her senior season. **2014:** Started 18 games. Averaged 1.56 shots per game. **2013:** Scored five goals and had two assists. Named All-ACC First Team. **2012:** Played 17 games and had six goals and an assist. Named Big East Rookie of the Year.

High School/Club

Rocarro graduated from East Islip High School in Islip Terrace, N.Y., playing for head coach Julie Susskind. She amassed 39 goals and 19 assists during her prep career, including 11 goals and four assists as a senior in 2011. Led East Islip to New York state semifinals in 2008, following Long Island and Suffolk County Class AA titles. Rocarro was a two-time NSCAA High School All-American (2010, 2011), a Parade All-American (2010), an ESPNHS first-team All-American (2010), Gatorade New York High School Player of the Year (2011), NSCAA New York State Player of the Year (2011), a three-time all-state selection (2008, 2010, 2011), Long Island Player of the Year (2011), two-time Suffolk County High School Player of the Year (2010, 2011), three-time all-Suffolk County pick (2008, 2010, 2011), three-time Newsday Player To Watch (2009, 2010, 2011), a three-time all-conference selection (2008, 2010, 2011), and the Suffolk County Class AA Finals MVP (2008).



Hailey Harbison #22



Pronunciation: Harbison

Position: D

Height: 5'4"

Jersey Number: 22

Date of Birth: 10/3/96

Age: 23

Hometown: Rancho

Penasquito, CA

Citizenship: USA

**College: Pepperdine
University**

Last Club: Pepperdine

**How Acquired: Drafted by the
NC Courage in the 2019
NWSL Draft**

Professional

2020: Made her NWSL debut against the Houston Dash on Sept. 12. Has played 126 minutes in three games in the Fall Series.

2019: Drafted 9th overall in the NWSL Draft. Signed a supplemental contract on April 11th. Harbison was unable to play in 2019 due to an injury.

College

2018: Named WCC Defensive Player of the Year for the second year in a row. Started all 19 games adding one goal and two assists for the team. **2017:** WCC Defensive Player of the Year. Started all 21 games and had two assists. **2015:** Started and played 17 games. Had one goal and one assist. **2014:** Named WCC Freshman of the Year. Started all 23 games. Scored one goal and had two assists.

High School/Club

Harbison graduated from Westview High School, located in San Diego, CA where she played three varsity seasons, scored 25 goals and posted 14 assists for a total of 64 points in her prep career. Her team won a state championship in 2014. She played club soccer with the Del Mar Sharks where she won a state, regional, and national championship.



Kristen Hamilton #23



Pronunciation: Hamilton
Position: F
Height: 5'4"
Jersey Number: 23
Date of Birth: 4/17/92
Age: 28
Hometown: Littleton, CO
Citizenship: USA
College: University of Denver
Last Club: WNY Flash
How Acquired: Selected in the fourth round by the Flash in the 2014 NWSL College Draft. Signed by WNY Flash in April 2015

Professional

2020: Played in 5 games with 4 starts. Recorded 5 total shots and 285 minutes played

2019: Played in 24 games and started 17 throughout the season. She played for 1,352 minutes with nine goals and five assists.

2018: Appeared in 25 games with eight starts on the season. Hamilton played for 796 minutes. She scored three goals and had four assists.

2017: Hamilton started in 13 games out of 18 played for a total of 1,191 minutes. She recorded three goals and one assist during the 2017 season.

2016: Played in 12 games for the Flash, logging 125 minutes.

2015: Signed by the WNY Flash during pre-season. Made 2 appearances for the club.

2014: Selected in the fourth round by the Flash in the 2014 NWSL College Draft (No. 36 overall). Did not play in the 2014 season due to an ACL injury.

International:

2019: Called into the USWNT for Victory Tour matches against Portugal in August and September.

College

Hamilton graduated from the University of Denver. 2013: Semifinalist for the MAC Hermann trophy. Started all 21 games, playing 1,784 minutes. Scored 14 goals and 13 assists, including four game-winning goals. 2012: Started all 24 games, playing 1,917 minutes. Scored 14 goals and seven assists. 2011: Started all 21 games. Scored 16 goals, third highest in program history. Tallied 9 assists. Scored six game-winning goals. 2010: Started in all 22 games. Scored seven goals.

High School/Club

Attended Columbine High School in Columbine, Colorado.



Meredith Speck #25



Pronunciation: Speck
Position: D
Height: 5'3"
Jersey Number: 25
Date of Birth: 2/1/93
Age: 27
Hometown: Rockville Centre,
NY
Citizenship: USA
College: Yale University
Last Club: WNY Flash
How Acquired: Signed with
WNY Flash in April 2016

Professional

2020: Has played in three games for 326 minutes and has two assists in the Fall Series. Started one game and played three games for 76 minutes in the Challenge Cup.

2019: Played in eight games for a total of 72 minutes.

2018: Played in 15 games and made two starts for 246 total minutes.

2017: Speck appeared in four games and played a total of 197 minutes.

2016: Speck joined the Western New York Flash ahead of the 2016 season. Started in five out of six games played in 2016, earning one assist.

College

Played at Yale University for four seasons. Made 56 appearances and started 54 games for the Bulldogs. Three-time first team All-Ivy selection (only one in school history). 2014: Named first team All-Ivy and first team All-New England. Started 14 of Yale's 15 games. Scored 2 goals and had 2 assists. 2013: First team All-Ivy and first team All-New England selection. One of only two players to start all 16 of the Bulldogs' games. Had 1 goal and 5 assists. 2012: Started 7 games for Yale, contributing 4 assists. Limited to only 8 games because of injury. 2011: First team All-Ivy selection. Started all 17 games. Had four goals and four assists.

High School/Club

Speck attended Sacred Heart Academy where she was 2010 CHSSA League Player of the Year, and a two-time all-league and All-Long Island selection. She helped Sacred Heart to 2008 state championship. Speck played club soccer for the Albertson Fury '92 where she was an ECNL national finalist and three-time State Cup finalist, a five-year Region I team member, a six-year New York State team member, and a TopDrawerSoccer.com Player To Watch. She also played for Long Island Fury, which won the 2008 national championship.



Brittany Ratcliffe #27



Pronunciation: Rad-cliff
Position: FWD
Height: 5'4"
Jersey Number: 27
Date of Birth: 2/07/94
Age: 27
Hometown: Williamstown, NJ
Citizenship: USA
College: University of Virginia
Last Club: Kansas City NWSL
How Acquired: Kansas City waived contract in April 2021, became discovery eligible and soon after signed with NC Courage

Professional

2016: Drafted 17th overall in the 2016 NWSL Draft by the Boston Breakers, where she appeared in 15 games.

2017: Played for FC Kansas City, tallied one goal and two assists in her 22 appearances with the club. November 2017, FC Kansas City ceased operations and the team was relocated to expansion side, Utah Royals FC.

2018-2020: Ratcliffe spent the next three seasons in Utah, where she scored two goals in her 10 appearances with the Royals in 2018. 2019: sidelined due to an ACL injury. 2020: Started and played all five 2020 NWSL Challenge Cup matches and all four NWSL Fall Series games for Utah.

College

Played for the University of Virginia from 2012 – 2015. 2015: All-ACC Third Team selection, started all 23 games, notched two game-winning goals, recognized on the ACC Academic Honor Roll. 2014: Third-Team All-ACC, first-Team VaSID All-State. Appeared in all 26 games, starting 25. Scored 10 goals and six assists for 26 points. Recognized on the ACC Academic Honor Roll. 2013: Second-Team VaSID All-State. Appeared in all 26 games, starting two. Third on the team in scoring with 27 points on 12 goals and three assists. Set UVa record with 11 goals as a substitute. 2012: Appeared in 18 games off the bench



Rylee Baisden #29



Professional

2020: Baisden made her NWSL debut on Sept. 12 against Houston. Has played 85 minutes in three games and has one assist in the Fall Series. Signed a short-term contract with the Courage on September 4.

2019: Played 923 minutes in 11 games for the Brisbane Roar in the W-League. Scored three goals.

2018: Played for Morton Bay United scoring 33 goals in 23 games. Earned a Player of the Year Nomination and named to the W-League Team of the Season.

College

2016: All-WCC first team and NSCAA All-Region third-team honors. 6 goals and 6 assists for a team-high 18 points. WCC Player of the Week twice (8/22, 10/24). **2015:** Started all 19 games for the Waves as a redshirt junior in 2015. 2 assists, tied for the team lead in that category. **2014:** Appeared in 22 games and made 11 starts as a redshirt sophomore for the Waves. 4 goals scored for a total of eight points. **2013:** 2 goals and 2 assists for a total of six points as a redshirt freshman. **2012:** Redshirted her first season at Pepperdine.

Pronunciation: Ry-lee Baysden

Position: F

Height: 5'3"

Jersey Number: 29

Date of Birth: 4/16/1994

Age: 27

Hometown: Yorba Linda, CA

Citizenship: USA

College: Pepperdine University

Last Club: Brisbane Roar

How Acquired: Signed with NC Courage ahead of the 2020 Fall Series



Samantha Murphy #42



Professional

2019: Murphy started and played two games for 180 minutes. She recorded three saves and had one clean sheet.

College

2018: Did not allow a goal for a streak of 1,119 minutes. Had six solo shutouts allowing only seven goals throughout the season. Had 34 saves. **2017:** Started all 22 games for 2,046 minutes. Recorded 13 shutouts. **2016:** Played four games for 74 minutes. **2015:** Played one game for 14 minutes.

High School/Club

Murphy graduated from Mount Notre Dame High School where she played 68 career games. She competed with the Ohio Elite Soccer Academy.

Pronunciation: Mer-fee

Position: GK

Height: 5'11"

Jersey Number: 42

Date of Birth: 4/21/97

Age: 24

Hometown: Liberty Township,
OH

Citizenship: USA

College: UNC-Chapel Hill

Last Club: UNC-CH

How Acquired: Signed as a
goalkeeper replacement in
April 2019



Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Position	Pronunciation	Place of Birth	Last Team
0	Rowland, Katelyn	GK	Roll-and	Vacaville, CA	Western New York Flash
1	Murphy, Casey	GK	Mur-phy	Bridgewater Township, NJ	OL Reign
2	Smith, Taylor	DEF	Smith	Fort Worth, TX	OL Reign
3	Kurtz, Kaleigh	DEF	Kay-lee	Greer, SC	University of South Carolina
4	Pickett, Carson	DEF	Pick-it	Spartanburg, SC	Orlando Pride
6	Erceg, Abby	DEF	Er-seg	Whangarei, New Zealand	Western New York Flash
7	Caldwell, Diane	DEF	Called-well	Balbriggan, Ireland	SC Sand
8	O'Sullivan, Denise	MID	O'Sullivan	Cork, Ireland	Houston Dash
9	Williams, Lynn	FWD	Williams	Fresno, CA	Western New York Flash
10	Debinha	MID	Deb-in-ya	Brasópolis, Brazil	Dalian Quanjian
11	Mathias, Merritt	DEF	Math-aye-is	Birmingham, AL	OL Reign
13	Williams, Ryan	MID	Williams	Centennial, CO	TCU
14	McDonald, Jessica	FWD	McDonald	Phoenix, AZ	Western New York Flash
15	DeBree, Schuyler	DEF	Sky-ler Deh-Bree	Fair Haven, NJ	OL Reign
16	Mace, Hailie	FWD	Hay-lee	Venutra, CA	FC Rosengard
19	Solaun, Havana	MID	So-lawn	Gainesville, FL	Apollon Ladies FC
20	Agnew, Lindsay	FWD	Agg-new	Kingston, Ontario, Canada	Sydney FC
21	Roccaro, Cari	DEF	Care-ee Ro-car-oh	East Islip, NY	Houston Dash
22	Harbison, Hailey	DEF	Harbison	Rancho Penasquitos, CA	Pepperdine
23	Hamilton, Kristen	FWD	Hamilton	Littleton, CO	Western New York Flash
25	Speck, Meredith	MID	Speck	Golden, CO	Western New York Flash
27	Ratcliffe, Brittany	FWD	RAT-CLIF	Williamstown, NJ	Kansas City, FC
29	Baisden, Rylee	FWD	Bays-den	Yorba Linda, CA	Brisbane Roar
42	Murphy, Sam	GK	Murphy	Liberty Township, OH	UNC



Alphabetical Roster

No.	Name	Position	Height	DOB	Hometown	College/School	Status
20	Agnew, Lindsay	FWD	5.9'	3/31/95	Kingston, Ontario	Ohio State University	
29	Baisden, Rylee	FWD	5.3'	4/16/94	Yorba Linda, CA	Pepperdine University	
7	Caldwell, Diane	DEF	5.8'	9/11/88		N/A	INTL
10	Debinha	MID	5.2'	10/20/91	Brasopolis, Brazil	N/A	INTL
15	DeBree, Schuyler	DEF	5.8'	9/5/96	Fair Haven, NJ	Duke	
6	Erceg, Abby	DEF	5.10'	11/20/89	Whangarei, NZ	N/A	INTL
23	Hamilton, Kristen	FOR	5.4'	4/17/92	Littleton, CO	University of Denver	
22	Harbison, Hailey	DEF	5.4'	10/3/96	Rancho Penasquitos, CA	Pepperdine University	
3	Kurtz, Kaleigh	DEF	5.8'	9/9/94	Greer, SC	University of South Carolina	
16	Mace, Hailie	FWD	5.7'	3/24/97	Venutra, CA	UCLA	
11	Mathias, Merritt	DEF	5.6'	7/2/90	Birmingham, AL	Texas A&M	
14	McDonald, Jessica	FWD	6.0'	2/28/88	Phoenix, AZ	UNC Chapel Hill	
1	Murphy, Casey	GK	6.1'	4/25/96	Bridgewater Township, NJ	Rutgers	
42	Murphy, Sam	GK	5.11'	4/21/97	Liberty Township, OH	UNC Chapel Hill	
8	O'Sullivan, Denise	MID	5.4'	2/4/94	Cork, Ireland	N/A	INTL
27	Ratcliffe, Brittany	FWD	5'4"	2/7/1994	Williamstown, NJ	UVA	
21	Roccaro, Cari	DEF	5.7'	7/18/94	East Islip, NY	Notre Dame	
0	Rowland, Katelyn	GK	5.11'	3/16/94	Vacaville, CA	UCLA	
2	Smith, Taylor	DEF	5.2'	12/1/93	Fort Worth, TX	UCLA	
19	Solaun, Havana	MID	5.9'	2/23/93	Gainesville, FL	University of Florida	
25	Speck, Meredith	MID	5.3'	2/1/93	Rockville Centre, NY	Yale University	
9	Williams, Lynn	FWD	5.7'	5/21/93	Fresno, CA	Pepperdine University	
13	Williams, Ryan	DEF	5.6'	2/23/96	Centennial, CO	TCU	



2021 North Carolina Courage Schedule

Date	Opponent	HOME/AWAY	Broadcast
Sat., May 15th @ 10 PM ET	OL Reign	AWAY	Twitch
Sat., May 22nd @ 7 PM ET	Orlando Pride	HOME	Paramount+
Fri., May 28th @ 7 PM ET	Racing Louisville	HOME	Twitch
Sat., June 5th @ 3 PM ET	Chicago Red Stars	AWAY	Paramount+
Sat., June 19th @ 4 PM ET	OL Reign	HOME	CBS
Wed., June 23 @ 7:30 PM ET	Racing Louisville	AWAY	Paramount+
Sat., June 26th @ 7 PM ET	Portland Thorns	HOME	Paramount+
Sun., July 4th @ 7 PM ET	Orlando Pride	AWAY	Paramount+
Sat., July 10th @ 7 PM ET	Washington Spirit	AWAY	Paramount+
Sat., July 17th @ 7 PM ET	Houston Dash	HOME	Paramount+
Fri., July 23rd @ 8 PM ET	Kansas City	AWAY	Twitch
Sat., July 31st @ 7 PM ET	Orlando Pride	HOME	Paramount+
Sat., August 7th @ 7 PM ET	NJ/NY Gotham FC	AWAY	Paramount+
Sun., August 15th @ 6 PM ET	Chicago Red Stars	HOME	Paramount+
Sat., August 21st @ 7 PM ET	Kansas City	HOME	Paramount+
Sun., August 29th @ 5 PM ET	Washington Spirit	AWAY	Paramount+
Sun., September 5th @ 7 PM ET	Kansas City	AWAY	Paramount+
Sun., September 12th @ 2 PM ET	Portland Thorns	HOME	CBSSN
Sat., September 25th @ 3 PM ET	NJ/NY Gotham FC	AWAY	Paramount+
Fri., October 1st @ 7 PM ET	Washington Spirit	HOME	Paramount+
Wed., October 6th @ 7:30 PM ET	Racing Louisville	HOME	Paramount+
Sat., October 9th @ 8:30 PM ET	Houston Dash	AWAY	Paramount+
Sun., October 17th @ 2 PM ET	NJ/NY Gotham FC	HOME	CBSSN
Sat., October 30th @ 10 PM ET	Portland Thorns	AWAY	Twitch



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Regular Season Stats

	NAME	P	GP	GS	Min	G	A	Sh	SOG	FC	FS	CK	OFF	YC	RC	Saves	CS
0	Rowland, Katelyn	GK	6	6	540	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0
1	Labbe, Stephanie	GK	16	16	1,440	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	8
3	Kurtz, Kaleigh	MID	9	9	810	0	0	1	0	3	2	0	0	1	0	--	--
4	Meehan, Mckenzie	FWD	3	0	42	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	--	--
5	Mewis, Samantha	MID	12	11	995	2	1	26	6	18	16	3	2	1	0	--	--
6	Erceg, Abby	DEF	20	20	1,775	1	0	15	7	8	6	0	0	1	0	--	--
7	Zerboni, McCall	MID	22	19	1,670	0	1	10	3	45	25	0	3	0	0	--	--
8	O'Sullivan, Denise	MID	23	22	1,966	0	1	4	1	29	26	35	1	4	0	--	--
9	Williams, Lynn	FWD	22	21	1,850	12	5	86	44	9	6	2	28	0	0	--	--
10	Debinha	MID	19	17	1,527	8	7	59	25	11	18	33	5	0	0	--	--
11	Mathias, Merritt	DEF	20	20	1,772	0	5	16	7	16	19	32	0	0	0	--	--
12	Pruitt, Leah	FWD	14	6	554	2	1	18	8	8	6	0	5	1	0	--	--
13	Dahlkemper, Abby	DEF	14	14	1,260	0	0	1	1	3	6	41	0	0	0	--	--
14	McDonald, Jessica	FWD	14	9	860	5	3	26	14	5	6	0	7	1	0	--	--
15	Daniels, Jaelene	DEF	24	24	2,160	1	6	5	2	14	11	4	3	1	0	--	--
16	Spetsmark, Julia	MID	11	2	810	2	1	15	6	7	0	0	7	1	0	--	--
17	O'Reilly, Heather	MID	13	4	437	1	1	2	2	2	1	21	1	0	0	--	--
19	Dunn, Crystal	FWD	13	11	999	7	4	31	18	8	21	0	0	0	0	--	--
20	Williams, Ryan	MID	4	3	232	0	0	1	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	--	--
21	Roccaro, Cari	MID	13	11	908	0	1	6	2	2	9	0	0	0	0	--	--
22	King, Julie	DEF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	--
23	Hamilton, Kristen	FWD	22	17	1,313	9	5	38	23	14	17	1	9	0	0	--	40



NC Courage 2019

Regular Season Stats (cont.)

	NAME	P	GP	GS	Min	G	A	Sh	SOG	FC	FS	CK	OFF	YC	RC	Saves	CS
25	Speck, Meredith	MID	8	0	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	--	--
26	Harbison, Hailey	DEF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	--
27	Milliet, Lauren	MID	2	0	46	0	0	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	--	--
30	Perea, Peyton	MID	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	--
31	Horgan, Shannon	DEF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	--
37	Murphy, Samantha	GK	2	2	180	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1



NC Courage 2019 Playoff Season Stats

	NAME	P	GP	GS	Min	G	A	Sh	SOG	FC	FS	CK	OFF	YC	RC	Saves	CS
0	Rowland, Katelyn	GK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	Labbe, Stephanie	GK	2	2	210	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1
3	Kurtz, Kaleigh	MID	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	--
4	Meehan, Mckenzie	FWD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	--
5	Mewis, Samantha	MID	2	2	199	1	1	7	4	3	2	0	0	0	0	--	--
6	Erceg, Abby	DEF	2	2	210	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	--	--
7	Zerboni, McCall	MID	2	0	46	0	0	1	0	6	2	0	0	0	0	--	--
8	O'Sullivan, Denise	MID	2	2	192	0	0	1	0	3	1	3	0	0	0	--	--
9	Williams, Lynn	FWD	2	2	202	0	1	13	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	--	--
10	Debinha	MID	2	2	210	2	0	10	5	1	4	0	1	0	0	--	--
11	Mathias, Merritt	DEF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	--
12	Pruitt, Leah	FWD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	--
13	Dahlkemper, Abby	DEF	2	2	210	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	--	--
14	McDonald, Jessica	FWD	2	2	171	1	0	6	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	--	--
15	Daniels, Jaelene	DEF	2	2	210	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	--	--
16	Spetsmark, Julia	MID	1	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	--	--
17	O'Reilly, Heather	MID	2	2	209	1	0	3	1	0	0	16	0	0	0	--	--
19	Dunn, Crystal	FWD	2	2	182	2	0	11	7	0	2	0	0	0	0	--	--
20	Williams, Ryan	MID	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	--
21	Roccaro, Cari	MID	2	0	12	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	--	--
22	King, Julie	DEF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	--
23	Hamilton, Kristen	FWD	2	0	39	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	--



NC Courage 2019 Playoff Season Stats (cont.)

	NAME	P	GP	GS	Min	G	A	Sh	SOG	FC	FS	CK	OFF	YC	RC	Saves	CS
25	Speck, Meredith	MID	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	--
26	Harbison, Hailey	DEF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	--
27	Milliet, Lauren	MID	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	--
30	Perea, Peyton	MID	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	--
31	Horgan, Shannon	DEF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	--
37	Murphy, Samantha	GK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



2019 Complete Season Stats

	NAME	P	GP	GS	Min	G	A	Sh	SOG	FC	FS	CK	OFF	YC	RC	Svs	CS
0	Rowland, Katelyn	GK	6	6	540	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0
1	Labbe, Stephanie	GK	18	18	1,650	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	9
3	Kurtz, Kaleigh	MID	9	9	810	0	0	1	0	3	2	0	0	1	0	--	--
4	Meehan, Mckenzie	FWD	3	0	42	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	--	--
5	Mewis, Samantha	MID	14	13	1,194	3	2	33	10	21	18	3	2	1	0	--	--
6	Erceg, Abby	DEF	22	22	1,985	1	0	15	7	8	7	0	0	1	0	--	--
7	Zerboni, McCall	MID	24	19	1,716	0	1	11	3	51	27	0	3	3	0	--	--
8	O'Sullivan, Denise	MID	25	24	2,158	0	1	5	1	32	27	38	1	4	0	--	--
9	Williams, Lynn	FWD	24	23	2,052	12	6	99	48	9	6	2	30	0	0	--	--
10	Debinha	MID	21	19	1,737	10	7	69	30	12	22	33	6	0	0	--	--
11	Mathias, Merritt	DEF	20	20	1,772	0	5	16	7	16	19	32	0	0	0	--	--
12	Pruitt, Leah	FWD	14	6	554	2	1	18	8	8	6	0	5	1	0	--	--
13	Dahlkemper, Abby	DEF	16	16	1,470	0	1	1	1	3	7	41	0	0	0	--	--
14	McDonald, Jessica	FWD	16	11	1,031	6	3	32	16	6	6	0	8	1	0	--	--
15	Daniels, Jaelene	DEF	26	26	2,370	1	6	7	3	15	11	4	3	1	0	--	--



2019 Complete Season Stats

	NAME	P	GP	GS	Min	G	A	Sh	SOG	FC	FS	CK	OFF	YC	RC	Svs	CS
16	Spetsmark, Julia	MID	12	2	294	2	1	15	6	7	1	0	7	1	0	--	--
17	O'Reilly, Heather	MID	15	6	646	2	1	5	3	2	1	37	1	0	0	--	--
19	Dunn, Crystal	FWD	15	13	1,181	9	4	42	25	8	23	0	0	0	0	--	--
20	Williams, Ryan	MID	4	3	232	0	0	1	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	--	--
21	Roccaro, Cari	MID	15	11	920	0	1	6	2	3	10	0	0	0	0	--	--
22	King, Julie	DEF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	--
23	Hamilton, Kristen	FWD	24	17	1,352	9	5	39	23	14	17	1	9	0	0	--	--
25	Speck, Meredith	MID	8	0	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	--	--
26	Harbison, Hailey	DEF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	--
27	Milliet, Lauren	MID	2	0	46	0	0	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	--	--
30	Perea, Peyton	MID	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	--
31	Horgan, Shannon	DEF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	--
37	Murphy, Samantha	GK	2	2	180	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1



International Champions Cup

2018 Women's ICC

The North Carolina Courage captured the first ever Women's International Champions Cup by defeating five-time UEFA Champions League winner Olympique Lyonnais Feminin 1-0 on July 29th at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens. Three-time Olympic champion Heather O'Reilly scored the lone goal for the Courage, her first in a Courage uniform. A stellar performance by Sabrina D'Angelo and the back line kept the result, giving the 2017 NWSL Shield winners their second trophy since relocating to North Carolina.

2019 Women's ICC

In the second edition of the Women's International Champions Cup, the North Carolina Courage and Olympique Lyonnais Feminin were joined by FA Women's Cup winners Manchester City and Spanish Primera División winners Atlético Madrid Femenino. The Courage faced Manchester City at Sahlen's Stadium on August 15th where a stoppage time goal by USWNT player Jessica McDonald propelled the Courage to another matchup against Lyon in an International Champions Cup final. On August 18th, Lyon claimed the ICC title in a 1-0 win over the Courage. A second-half goal by Dzszenifer Marozsán put Lyon ahead as they outlasted the Courage and claimed victory in the 2019 iteration of the International Champions Cup.



Stadium Information



Sahlen Stadium at WakeMed Soccer Park

Address:
101 Soccer Park Drive
Cary, N.C. 27511

Capacity: 10,000

WakeMed Soccer Park is one of the premier soccer complexes in the United States and is the home of North Carolina FC and 2018 NWSL Champion NC Courage. It opened in 2002 as the home of the Women's United Soccer Association's Carolina Courage.

The North Carolina Football Club announced a sponsorship deal with Sahlen's Packaging Company on March 31, 2017 that renamed the 10,000 seat stadium to Sahlen's Stadium and made the Buffalo-based meat packing company the exclusive hot dog provider of the stadium. The Sahlen family previously owned the Western New York Flash.

The soccer complex consists of a purpose-built, soccer-specific main stadium, two lighted practice fields built to the same specifications as the stadium field, and four additional practice fields. Fields 1 (main stadium), 2, and 3 are all FIFA international regulation size (120 yards x 75 yards).

WakeMed Soccer Park opened in May 2002 as State Capital Soccer Park. It sits on 150 acres on the eastern edge of Cary that the State of North Carolina has leased to Wake County. Money to build the soccer park came from \$14.5 million in county-wide hotel room and prepared food and beverage taxes. The Town of Cary assumed responsibility for operations and maintenance in 2004 from the Capital Area Soccer League.

On January 1, 2008, WakeMed Health & Hospitals, a private, not-for-profit health care organization based in Raleigh, acquired the rights to name the park from the Town of Cary. SAS, a Cary-based software company, previously held the complex's naming rights.

In addition to serving as the home of the North Carolina FC and NC Courage, WakeMed Soccer Park has also been the host of men's and women's ACC soccer tournaments, men's and women's NCAA College Cups, as well as U.S. Men's and Women's national team friendlies

Team Training Information

The team trains throughout the season at WakeMed Soccer Park located in Cary, N.C. Training schedule varies and media availability is sent out on a weekly basis. To be included on this list, please email mokeefe@NorthCarolinaFC.com.



Game Day Info

Broadcast and Streaming Video Info

The CBS Television Network will air three regular season matches, as well as the 2021 NWSL Championship. Paramount+, ViacomCBS' subscription streaming service, will also stream those four matches. CBS Sports Network will air 11 regular season games and three playoff contests, including one quarterfinal and both semifinals. Paramount+ will exclusively stream 82 additional regular season matches in the U.S.

All matches will be streamed live internationally on Twitch, and Twitch will exclusively stream 24 matches globally, including in the U.S.

Find more information [HERE](#).

Ticket Sales Info

Individual Tickets can be found [HERE](#).

More information on season tickets can be found [HERE](#).



History of NC Courage Draft

NWSL Draft 2017

First Round

- Ashley Hatch was selected as the NC Courage's first ever NWSL Draft Pick. Hatch was selected 2nd overall out of BYU.
- Darian Jenkins was selected 7th overall out of UCLA.

Second Round

- Claire Wagner was selected 20th overall out of Clemson.

Third Round

- Jaycie Johnson was selected 27th overall out of Nebraska.

NWSL Draft 2018

First Round

- Frannie Crouse was selected 10th overall out of Penn State University.

Second Round

- Rebecca Rasmussen was selected 20th overall out of University of Colorado Boulder.

Fourth Round

- Morgan Reid was selected 38th overall out of Duke University.
- Carlin Hudson was selected 39th overall out of Yale University.
- Ryan Williams was selected 40th overall out of Texas Christian University.

NWSL Draft 2019

First Round

- Leah Pruitt was selected 5th overall out of the University of Southern California.
- Hailey Harbison was selected 9th overall out of Pepperdine University.

Second Round

- Lauren Milliet was selected 14th overall out of Colorado College.

Fourth Round

- Kaycie Tillman was selected 6th overall out of Florida State University.

NWSL Draft 2020

First Round

- Alleandra Watt was selected 6th overall out of Texas A&M University

Third Round

- Sinclair Miramontez was selected 27th overall out of the University of Nebraska

Fourth Round

- Addisyn Merrick was selected 28th overall out of the University of Kansas
- Brianne Folds was selected 36th overall out of Auburn University

NWSL Draft 2021



Important Dates in History

January 9, 2017- New York Flash relocate to Cary, NC and become the North Carolina Courage

January 12, 2017- North Carolina Courage participate in their first NWSL Draft

April 15, 2017- North Carolina Courage play first regular season game, beating the Washington Spirit, 1-0

April 22, 2017- The NC Courage play first home game at WakeMed Soccer Park in Cary, NC, defeating the Portland Thorns, 1-0

September 27, 2017- The NC Courage clinch the 2017 NWSL Shield.

October 8, 2017- The North Carolina Courage defeat the Chicago Red Stars in the NWSL Semifinal to advance to the NWSL Championship.

October 14, 2017- The NC Courage play in the team's first NWSL Championship game.

January 16, 2018- USWNT standout Crystal Dunn is acquired by the NC Courage in a trade with the Washington Spirit.

January 18, 2018- The North Carolina Courage participate in their second NWSL Draft.

March 24, 2018- The 2018 NWSL season kicks off with the NC Courage defeating the Portland Thorns, 1-0.

July 29, 2018- In the inaugural Women's International Champions Cup, the North Carolina Courage defeated Olympique Lyon in the Championship match to clinch the title.

August 5, 2018- The NC Courage clinch their second-consecutive NWSL Shield.

September 18, 2018- The North Carolina Courage defeat the Chicago Red Stars, 2-0, in the NWSL Semifinal to advance to the NWSL Championship for the second year in a row.

September 22, 2018- The North Carolina Courage win the NWSL Championship, defeating the Portland Thorns, 3-0.

January 10, 2019- The NC Courage participate in the team's third NWSL Draft.

April 13, 2019- NC Courage draw Chicago Red Stars in the first match of the 2019 NWSL Season.

August 15, 2019- The NC Courage defeated Manchester City to advance to their second-consecutive ICC Championship game.

September 28, 2019- The NC Courage clinched their third consecutive NWSL Shield.

October 20, 2019- The Courage defeated Reign FC, 4-1, in overtime of the NWSL Semifinal match.

October 27, 2019- At Sahlen's Stadium at WakeMed Soccer Park, the NC Courage defeated the Chicago Red Stars, 4-0 to win their second-consecutive NWSL Championship.

January 16, 2020- NC Courage participate in the team's fourth NWSL Draft



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About

The National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) is a ten-team Division-I women's professional soccer league featuring national team players from around the world. The clubs are the Chicago Red Stars, Houston Dash, Orlando Pride, North Carolina Courage, Portland Thorns FC, OL Reign, Gotham FC, Kansas City NWSL and the Washington Spirit. Based in Chicago, the NWSL is supported by Canadian Soccer and U.S. Soccer. For more information about the NWSL, log on to the league's official website at NWSLsoccer.com.

Rules and Regulations

A full breakdown of the updated NWSL Roster and Competition Rules can be found [here](#).

For more on the league's policy on Transgender Athletes, click [here](#)

For more on the league's Anti-Harassment Policy, click [here](#)

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NWSL Media Policies

Guidelines

Media credentials and access will be granted only to individuals with a legitimate working function at a game, training session or event. The bearer must be on a specific assignment. Credentials are non-transferable. Any unauthorized use of a credential subjects the bearer to ejection from the stadium. Resale or attempted resale is grounds for seizure and cancellation.

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
- Conduction of unauthorized interviews
- Unprofessional behavior (Cheering in the press box, consumption of alcoholic beverages, failure to abide by posted rules, etc.)

Treatment of Credentialed Media

Postgame Media Access: Players from both teams will be available to media post-game in a mix-zone located outside the team locker rooms or in a location near the field of play. The mix-zone will begin 10 minutes after the conclusion of the match. Locker rooms will not be open to media at any point.

Team PR directors should be present to indicate the beginning and end of media access to players, and ensure media have access to the head coach and players after the match. All players are highly encouraged to be available to media post-game.

All regulations about post-game media access should be clearly communicated to team staff and security to ensure a secure environment.

No individuals other than League or Club representatives shall be allowed in Club locker rooms following a game.

Under no circumstances shall any club and/or its players discriminate in any fashion against an accredited member of the media based upon race, creed, sex or national origin.

Seating Access: Accredited media members will have access to the stadium, professional workrooms and stadium seating, if available. During the match, accredited media will have access to the press box which will be restricted to only those accredited media members.

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. If possible, all accredited media members should be given a seat in the press box.

All credentialed media shall be seated in media seating areas, consistent with treatment afforded comparable media. In addition, all members of the media are to be afforded 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 must provide these minimum accommodations.

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

Traveling Media: Members of the working media who travel with a visiting team are not to be treated in a discriminatory manner with regard to seating or any other privilege or facility accorded to the home media. Comparable seating and equipment should apply to home and road media (print and electronic).



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Media Access to Practice: Clubs are encouraged to make all practices open to media. If a practice is closed, clubs must grant a 15-minute media access period at the start or end of practice, as well as making the coach and players available for interviews following the conclusion of practice. Clubs are strongly encouraged to ensure that ballwork is at least part of the 15-minute access period. If practices are open to the media, as defined above, they must be open to all media; if practices are closed to the media, they must be closed to all media.

Clubs violating the media access policies on practice days will be subject to fines or other discipline at the discretion of NWSL Commissioner Jeff Plush.

Guidelines for Photographers and Camera Operators: All photographers and television camera operators must stay behind the field boards at all times, unless released by the on-site photo marshal. The only exception to the field board rule will be when a staff photographer, a national rights-holder or NWSL has a crew at a game. These entities will be allowed to shoot from the area between the field boards and the touch lines in the area bounded by the top of the 18-yard box and the end line.

Each photographer will be permitted to use one monopod — but no tripods. No seats other than “lawn-type” photographer seats will be permitted.

Stand-alone remote units will not be permitted at any time on or around the goal posts. 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 game action. Cameramen and cable-pullers from all television crews must remain off the playing field at all times.

Photographer Access to field: Photographers and camera operators shall be permitted in the area between the field boards and the touch lines 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).

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. 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 makes them easy to identify, and they would presumably enjoy quick and easy access to their designated areas. 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 game 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 game, 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: Care should be taken when processing credential requests for photographers shooting for commercial agencies. 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

Video Footage:

All rights to match footage including all applicable copyrights belong to NWSL and its rights holders who broadcast each specific match. NWSL has one rights holders that will broadcast select matches in 2017: Lifetime. If an organization is interested in recording video footage at a NWSL match for non-news gathering purposes they should contact NWSL Communications.

Television Broadcasters

Game 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 (Lifetime) with credit only in connection with its regularly scheduled news programming within a week of the game. 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 Media / Lifetime (for the Game of the Week); NWSL Media (for all other games).

Filming – Game 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 game clock). For non-televised events, non-rights holders / ENG cameras may record the entire game but are still subject to the aforementioned limits. This includes events that are web streamed live online.

Filming – Interviews and Scene Sets: There is no limit to the gathering of footage pre-game, at halftime and post-game. 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 game action to preview an upcoming event. In the local/regional markets, broadcasters should mention the time and location of the game 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. Content produced exclusively for the Internet is subject to the guidelines for Online Video.

Online Video

Game Action: Online organizations (including print publications that post video online) are not permitted to film or use game action video without prior written approval by NWSL Media. Game 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-Game 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.

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.