

UTAH ROYALS FC vs. ORLANDO PRIDE

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LATEST URFC INJURY REPORT (Thurs., 5/9)

OUT:

FW Brittany Ratcliffe (SEI-L knee)
DF Maddie Nolf (hip)
DF Taylor Lytle (SEI-L foot)

QUESTIONABLE:

INTERNATIONAL DUTY:

FW Christen Press (USA)
DF Becky Sauerbrunn (USA)
DF Kelley O'Hara (USA)
MF Desiree Scott (CAN)
MF Diana Matheson (CAN)
DF Rachel Corsie (SCO)

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CORSIE NAMED TO SCOTLAND ROSTER FOR 2019 FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Utah Royals FC defender **Rachel Corsie** has been named to the **Scotland Women's National Team** roster by Head Coach **Michelle Kerr** for the **2019 FIFA Women's World Cup** in France.

Corsie will join Scotland after Utah Royals FC's match on May 19 at the North Carolina Courage. Scotland will face Jamaica on Tuesday, May 28 at Hampden Park in Glasgow, Scotland in the team's official send-off match prior to the team's departure to France. Scotland will open the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup in Group D on June 9 against England, followed by Japan on June 14 before finishing the group stage against Argentina on June 19. Corsie is expected to return prior to the end of the 2019 NWSL regular season.

"Corsie plays a big role on and off the field for the Scottish National Team in this historic trip to the World Cup," Utah Royals FC General Manager **Stephanie Lee** said. "She is smart, determined and hard working – We look forward to seeing her on the world stage this summer."

Corsie receives the call-up carrying with her 108 appearances for Scotland having scored 16 goals for the senior side. She scored three goals in the Women's World Cup 2011 qualifying campaign as Scotland came agonizingly close to reaching the playoffs, finishing just one point behind Group 3 winners Denmark. Corsie made her senior team debut on May 3, 2009 in a 2-0 loss to France. Since then she has led Scotland to its first-ever World Cup appearance, captaining the side to qualification finishing atop Group 2 in the UEFA qualification round.

"It is beyond imagination and truly something that is the greatest privilege," Corsie said. "It is the highlight of my career to be selected to represent Scotland at a World Cup and I'm so proud of every player who has been involved to get us there. I hope that every one of us can enjoy the experience as much as possible and we do everyone back home and in the stands proud too."

Thus far in 2019, Corsie has played every minute of the National Women's Soccer League season on the backline for Utah Royals FC, totaling 360 minutes to help the team to the second spot in the league after just four matches played.

SCOTT, MATHESON CALLED TO CANADA FOR OFFICIAL SEND-OFF

Utah Royals FC duo of MFs **Desiree Scott** and **Diana Matheson** have been called to the **Canadian Women's National Team** for the team's preliminary camp ahead of the **2019 FIFA Women's World Cup in France**. Canada's final World Cup roster is expected to be released later this month.

Matheson and Scott will participate in the Canadian camp where the team will face Mexico on May 18 in its official send-off match prior to its World Cup training camp held in Spain. Canada will face Cameroon, New Zealand and the Netherlands in Group E of this year's tournament. The 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup will commence on June 7 with the final being played on

July 7. Both players are expected to return prior to the end of the 2019 NWSL regular season.

"Congratulations to Diana and Desi. It's an incredible honor for them to represent Canada and is well deserved," Utah Royals FC General Manager **Stephanie Lee** said.

Matheson receives the call-up carrying with her 203 appearances for the Canadian side having scored 18 goals. Her most notable moment for her country came at the 2012 Summer Olympics when she notched a 92nd minute winner against France to secure a bronze medal for Canada at the games. She also won a bronze medal at the 2016 Rio Olympics and gold medal at the 2011 Pan American Games with the senior national team.

Scott joins the preliminary camp roster having appeared in 141 matches for the senior team as well as appearances for the U-16 and U-19 squads. Although she has never scored for Canada, Scott remains a fixture in the midfield for her national team.

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Rodriguez scored her first goal of the season in the 84th minute on an assist from MF **Gunny Jónsdóttir** and GK **Nicole Barnhart** made three saves to start the season with three consecutive shutouts as Utah earned its third straight 1-0 win.

In a scoreless first half, Utah's nearest miss came in the ninth minute when DF **Michelle Maemone** curled a shot from the edge of the 18, but her effort from the left side thumped off the crossbar. Barnhart made two saves in the half, one on a Sam Kerr breakaway that saw Barnhart charge off her line to make the stop. In the 42nd minute, Chicago forward Katie Johnson was ejected after a collision with MF **Vero Boquete**, putting URFC up a player for the remainder of the match.

In the 82nd minute, FW **Erika Tymrak** earned a foul just outside the Chicago penalty area. Boquete stepped over the 19-yard free kick, but put her shot into the crossbar and the match remained scoreless into the waning moments. Then in the 84th minute, Tymrak led Jónsdóttir up the right side. Jónsdóttir then sent a sliding cross into the box where Rodriguez cut in front of her defender and slotted her first-time shot inside the far post for the 1-0 lead. Royals FC held on for the final minutes of the match, holding off a late charge from Chicago in search of the equalizer.

PRESS, SAUERBRUNN, O'HARA **NAMED TO USA'S WORLD CUP** **ROSTER**

United States Women's National Team Head Coach **Jill Ellis** has called the **Utah Royals FC** trio of DFs **Becky Sauerbrunn**, **Kelley O'Hara** and FW **Christen Press** to its squad for the **2019 FIFA Women's World Cup** held in France.

All three team members are scheduled to return to Utah Royals FC prior to the end of the National Women's Soccer League regular season.

The 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup will be the eighth consecutive World Cup appearance for the USA, which has appeared in each of the previous seven tournaments that have been contested and won in 1991, 1999 and 2015. The USA is one of six countries to qualify for all eight Women's World Cups along with Brazil, Germany, Japan, Norway, Sweden and Nigeria. The World Cup will be held from June 7-July 7 in nine cities in France. The USA drew into Group F of the tournament, with its opening game against Thailand taking place in Reims on June 11, followed by Chile in Paris on June 16 and then Sweden in Le Havre on June 20.

"Utah Royals FC are proud when any of our players get called for International Duty, but a chance to represent the stars and stripes during the World Cup is always a special honor," Utah Royals FC General Manager **Stephanie Lee** said. "Congratulations on the honor and reward for their hard work."

A prominent centerback for both club and country, Sauerbrunn receives the call-up for her third consecutive World Cup as part of the defending 2015 FIFA

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Women's World Cup Champions. Helping the Stars and Stripes to its record

third Women's World Cup title in 2015, the URFC captain will look to lead the U.S. WNT to the first ever back-to-back title in history. A veteran for the U.S. WNT, Sauerbrunn currently holds 155 total appearances for the United States. Sauerbrunn has started and played the full 90 minutes in Utah Royals FC's two matches thus far in 2019. Additionally, with her start against France on Jan. 19, she became the 20th player, and just the third player who has played exclusively defender, to play 150 times for the U.S. WNT.

"I'm so incredibly honored to be representing the United States this summer," Sauerbrunn said. "I was fortunate to be on the team that won four years ago and now I hope to bring the World Cup trophy back to the states and add a fourth star to our jersey."

O'Hara, has 115 appearances for the U.S. WNT over an illustrious 15 year international career. O'Hara has featured for the U.S. U-16s through the senior team since 2004, totaling 152 international appearances for the Stars and Stripes having scored 37 total goals. O'Hara has yet to appear for Utah Royals FC in 2019. This year's tournament will be O'Hara's third World Cup as a member of Team USA.

"It's an honor to be named to the World Cup roster and to have another chance to represent the United States to try and bring home a fourth star," O'Hara said.

Press enters her second consecutive FIFA Women's World Cup having too been a member of the 2015 championship team. Press currently carries 113 caps and 47 career goals. She is tied for 11th place on the all-time U.S. WNT goals list. Press departs Utah Royals FC having played every minute for the club in its two matches thus far in 2019, carrying with her a goal and an assist.

"Thank you to my village for pushing me along and giving me the opportunity to fight for another dream," Press said. "I am filled with gratitude and motivation. France bound!"

BOWEN CALLED TO NZ FOR 2019 WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Utah Royals FC DF **Katie Bowen** has been named to the New Zealand Women's National Team for the **2019 FIFA Women's World Cup** in France.

New Zealand will compete in Group E of the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup, facing Canada, Cameroon, and the Netherlands.

"We wish Katie all the best of luck," Utah Royals FC General Manager **Stephanie Lee** said. "To represent one's country in the World Cup is a huge honor. Congratulations to Katie!"

The Football Ferns finished its first tournament of 2019 at the Cup of Nations, with two defeats and a 2-0 win against Argentina. Bowen started two of her match appearances in the 2019 Cup of Nations and currently owns 58 caps and three goals with New Zealand. Bowen became the youngest player to represent New Zealand on the international level when she made her debut for the U-17s at just 14 years old in 2008.

"It's always an honor to represent New Zealand," Bowen said. "I'm excited for France and to see what our team can do on the world stage. I just want to make my family proud, especially my dad."

Bowen has started both matches for Utah Royals FC this season, playing 180 minutes on the team's back line to help push URFC to the top of the NWSL table after just two matches played.

RECAP: ORL 0-1 URFC

Utah Royals FC (2-0-0, 6 points) earned its second consecutive 1-0 victory to open the 2019 season, this week topping the Orlando Pride for the first time in four matches over the last two seasons. FW **Christen Press** scored her first goal of the season and GK **Nicole Barnhart** made four saves to earn the clean sheet and lift URFC to victory on the road at Orlando City Stadium.

Maintaining the majority of the possession throughout the first half, URFC dictated the pace of the game and eventually found the go-ahead goal through Press' curling effort to put the visitors ahead in the 19th minute. As Orlando chased the equalizer, the match opened up which created more chances for both sides. Barnhart stood strong in goal for Royals FC, commanding her box to help keep the Utah side up 1-0 at the half.

Through the first 25 minutes of the second stanza, URFC again controlled possession and nearly doubled its lead after a wonderful volley from Press nearly beat Orlando goalkeeper Haley Kopmeyer from 23 yards. Orlando nearly equalized on a free kick from Marta in the late stages of the match, but her effort from 19 yards out missed just over the crossbar and Utah held on for the victory.

A HOME OPENING WEEKEND WIN

Utah Royals FC (1-0-0, 3 points) got an early goal and held on to the clean sheet to open the 2019 season with a 1-0 win over the Washington Spirit in front of a crowd of 18,015 at Rio Tinto Stadium on Saturday.

MF **Lo'eau LaBonta** scored her first goal for URFC and GK **Nicole Barnhart** finished with two saves in the shutout victory.

Utah opened scoring just 10 minutes into the match when FW **Christen Press** charged up the left side, then cut back to the middle before dropping a pass back to LaBonta at the edge of the 18-yard box. LaBonta fired a right-footed shot inside the near post for her first goal in a URFC kit. Royals FC would go on to outshoot Washington 5-2 in the half, but the score remained at 1-0 heading into the half.

In the second half, Utah forced Washington goalkeeper Aubrey Bledsoe into three saves, but couldn't add to the lead. Press was a threat throughout the night, finishing the match with five shots, in addition to setting up the game-winner in the first half. In the end, Utah held off Washington and earned the 1-0 victory.

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2018 #URFC OVERVIEW

Official Club Name: Utah Royals FC

Abbreviations: Utah / URFC / Royals FC

Owner: Dell Loy Hansen

Stadium: Rio Tinto Stadium – Sandy, UT (Capacity – 20,180)

Head Coach: Laura Harvey (hired Nov. 27, 2017)

2018 Records: 8-7-8 (Utah – NWSL)

59-40-33 (NWSL all-time)

172-52-66 overall

Captain: Becky Sauerbrunn (signed December 20, 2017)

General Manager: Craig Waibel

Managing Director: Stephanie Lee

Formation: 4-2-1-3 / 4-2-3-1 (*tactical semantics*)

INAUGURAL SEASON FINALE

Utah Royals FC (8-7-8, 32 pts., NWSL 5th place) finish off the club's inaugural season just outside the playoffs with the regular-season finale against the Chicago Red Stars. URFC and its loyal supporters have one last chance to celebrate the historic first season at Rio Tinto Stadium.

HC **Laura Harvey** and Co. continued its playoff push in the final road match of the year with a 1-0 win over the Washington Spirit on Aug. 22, but a 5-0 win by Chicago on Tuesday eliminated URFC from postseason contention.

Utah instead returns from the international break with an opportunity to

end the year on a high note and will go for the first win of the year over Chicago, who played spoilers in the home opener in April and won the lone contest at Toyota Park in Bridgeview, Illinois, in June.

FINISHING THE 2018 SEASON STRONG

URFC concluded their 2018 season campaign with a 2-1 victory over the Chicago Red Stars on September 8, 2018 and stopped Chicago's seven game unbeaten streak.

Chicago took the lead in the 39th minute and URFC was down 1-0 at the break. URFC came out in the second half with momentum and scored in the 56th minute. Katie Bowen served a cross to Amy Rodriguez for a volley finish. The second goal was scored by Katie Stengel in the 64th minute. Taylor Lytle served a cross to Katie Stengel for a game winning, header goal.

URFC was shy of playoffs and finished the inaugural season fifth in the NWSL, with a 9-7-8 overall record.

WORLD CUP YEAR

Seven URFC players are expected to depart to France this summer for the 2019 Women's FIFA World Cup.

The World Cup dates are set for June 7th, – July 7th, 2019. USWNT

players will be unavailable as early as April 29th, for training camp. URFC players expected to be called-up to the following teams for the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup include: DF Becky Sauerbrunn, DF Kelley O'Hara, and FW Christen Press (USA), MF Desiree Scott and MF Diana Matheson (Canada), DF Katie Bowen (New Zealand), DF Rachel Corsie (Scotland).

SIGNING VERO BOQUETE

Utah Royals FC announced the signing of Spanish Women's National Team member, MF Veronica Boquete on January 4, 2018. Boquete returns to the United States, previously playing for the Chicago Red Stars in the WPSL (2010), the Philadelphia Independence in the WPS (2011-12), where she earned WPS Player of the Year honors in 2011. Now, Boquete returns to the NWSL, after playing with the Portland Thorns in 2014.

In between Boquete's time in the U.S., she earned championships in Spain (2009), Sweden (2012), and Germany (2015-16), as well as the UEFA Women's Championship with FFC Frankfurt in 2014-15.

URFC FW Christen Press, adds a familiar face as Boquete and Press were teammates at Tyresö FF from 2013-14. Boquete reached out to Press in

regards to URFC and moving to Utah. With positive insight, Boquete and Press will officially play as teammates once again.

HISTORY AGAINST THE WASHINGTON SPIRIT

URFC will face the Washington Spirit at Rio Tinto Stadium in its home opener Saturday, April 20 at 7:00 P.M. MT. Hopefully, the only match against the Spirit at home is as good as 2018. Not only did URFC record its first ever club win against Washington, they went unbeaten in all three matches versus the side from the nation's capital.

EVENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

On April 10, 2019, **Utah Royals FC's** 2018 inaugural home opener won the Event of the Year Award presented by the Utah Sports Commission.

The Utah Sports Commission is a non-profit organization established by all-volunteered Board of Trustees members across statewide sports, business, community, and government leaders. The state of Utah's finest athletes and coaches for the 2018 year will be honored April 10th at the 8th Annual Governor's State of Sport Awards, hosted by the Utah Sports Commission.

"As a club, we are honored to win this award. It truly shows the engagement and support this community has provided to us in the past year," URFC General Manager **Stephanie Lee** expressed.

On April 14, 2018, URFC opened its 2018 home schedule against the Chicago Red Stars in front of a sell-out 19,203 crowd. The all-day event included appearances from **Real Salt Lake** and **Real Monarchs** players, and a post-game concert to end the festive day.

"The Inaugural Home Opener for Utah Royals FC was absolutely a group effort, and huge congratulations go to the ticketing, marketing,

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partnership, facility and event operations teams. This event would not have been possible without their hard work and dedication to this club,”

Lee

said.

HISTORY MADE AT RIOT

The packed house three months ago represented the 65th soccer sellout in the 9-season history of Rio Tinto Stadium – the previous 64 capacity crowds witnessing Real Salt Lake (MLS) – while four different concerts have packed the Sandy venue to the gills: The Eagles (2009), Kenny Chesney (2009), Paul McCartney (2010) and Neil Diamond (2011) ...

Fourteen of the 24 players currently on the Utah Royals FC roster played two years ago for FC Kansas City, which drew a total of 21,456 fans in 12

home games; the opening day “RioT” crowd amassed nearly 90% of last year’s total for the KC group ...

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BLOCKBUSTER TRADE ON JUNE 28 2018

Just six weeks ago, Utah acquired the rights to United States FW **Christen Press** and DF **Samantha Johnson** from the Chicago Red Stars, sending former DF Brooke Elby and a slew of future draft picks the other way, Head Coach **Laura Harvey** and Managing Director **Stephanie Lee** announced on June 18 ...

“Obviously, we are elated to add players of Christen’s attacking quality and Samantha’s pedigree to a spectacular group that is really starting to come together, as our current form indicates,” said Harvey, whose team went 4-1-1 in its last six games prior to the deal to catapult up the NWSL table ... “Her familiarity through the national team playing with and against many of our players should help her quickly adjust to Utah. The timing here is massive, and kudos to Mr. Hansen and everyone involved for making the deal.”

Press – the most coveted American star in world soccer, having scored 44 goals in 100 U.S. appearances – played 20 minutes for Göteborg FC in Sweden on June 17, and made her debut on June 27 at Rio Tinto Stadium against Seattle, an eventual 0-0 draw ... On June 30, Press scored the 7th-minute opener and assisted on the first of Katie Stengel’s brace in a 3-1 win at home over Sky Blue FC ...

In exchange for Press, who recently celebrated her 100th international USA appearance against China, Utah Royals FC sends DF Brooke Elby and five future NWSL draft picks - including the No. 1 overall pick in the 2019 NWSL College Draft, another first-round 2019 pick, conditional 2020 first- and second-round picks, as well as a conditional 2021 first-rounder to the Red Stars ... Elby, a fourth-year professional, appeared in seven games and played 561 minutes so far this season for Utah, after being selected in the 2018 Boston Breakers dispersal draft.

“We are thankful to Brooke for her efforts both on the field and in the community to help us launch this franchise,” said Lee. “We look forward to welcoming Samantha to the group, and cannot wait for our fans to join us at Rio Tinto Stadium.”

Johnson had enjoyed a breakout 2018 season with Chicago, and was regarded by many as a premier performer in the Red Stars’ 1-0 win at Rio Tinto Stadium back on April 14, spoiling the Royals FC inaugural game, played before more than 19,000 fans ... The former Univ. of Southern California player arrives in Utah in the midst of her fifth professional season, one that has seen her play the full 90 minutes in all 10 of her starts on the Chicago back line.

“I am very pleased with my move to Utah -- I have been waiting years to get a chance to play for Laura Harvey,” said Johnson. “I really respect her as a coach and think that’s important. I’m ready to learn a lot from my new coaches and teammates ... For me, this is the best opportunity for the next phase of my career. I’m eager to contribute to the club any way I can and look forward to meeting my new teammates.”

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RODRIGUEZ IS BACK. MAKING HISTORY!

The April 28, 2018 1-1 home draw v. Portland will long be celebrated for many reasons, not the least of which is the first-ever URFC home goal, provided by FW **Amy Rodriguez** early in the second half ...

“ARod” picked the pocket of a Thorns defender and calmly danced around the box for nearly 10 seconds, juking and deking before finding the back of the net amongst several sprawling Portland players to make history for the gold-laden home side ...

While joining a list of inaugural home goal-scorers in the club that includes Brian Dunseth (Real Salt Lake, MLS, Rice-Eccles Stadium, April 2005) and Justen Glad (Real Monarchs, USL, Rio Tinto Stadium, April 2015), Amy's goal is notable more for the fact it came 377 days after her last one, scored for FC Kansas City on opening day 2017 just minutes before tearing her ACL ...

On May 5, 2018 in the 2-0 win against Washington, Rodriguez provided the game-winning assist on **Kelley O'Hara's** 7th-minute goal ... On May 19, it was her “dummy” that allowed Jonsdottir to find Tymrak for the game-winning goal ...

ARod gave Utah an early lead last Saturday with a looping goal that tucked just under the bar, but was unable to convert other opportunities – including one in alone on the Pride GK in the 2nd half – prior to her USWNT departure ...

2018 OUTLOOK

While a majority of the 24-player Utah Royals FC roster is composed of a core of 14 former FCKC players who have played together for years, Head Coach **Laura Harvey's** side remains in search of cohesion and chemistry as a shortened offseason timeline, integration of new international players and relocation necessitates a growth period ...

Early-season NWSL success will be measured by how quickly the team can assimilate into a new coaching style, chemistry, location, and culture, carving not only a distinct identity but a dynamic niche while taking advantage of the foundation provided by the rapidly-growing and expanding Real Salt Lake club pyramid ...

On the bright side, the Utah Royals FC will have seven months of season play to adapt, and will be welcoming opponents to Utah's high altitude — a challenge unseen before in the NWSL ...

The team carries strength in each third of the pitch ... Strong attackers like USWNT star **Amy Rodriguez** and Norwegian goalscorer **Elise Thorsnes** are expected to power through NWSL defenses using their speed and technical ability to get inside the box ...

Royals FC is also heavy in midfield talent, bringing on international veterans like Australia's **Katrina Gorry**, Iceland's **Gunnhildur Jonsdottir** and Canadian “destroyer” **Desiree Scott** — each of whom carry the ability to distribute wide and find open space for attackers ...

The defensive line may be the Utah Royals FC's strongest asset, boasting on former USWNT GK **Nicole Barnhart** and Texas Longhorn prodigy **Abby Smith** between the pipes ... The duo's ability to direct traffic and navigate play means that experienced defenders like USWNT **Kelley O'Hara** and Captain **Becky Sauerbrunn** can build out of the back and keep the ball out of the net ...

Ambitions are high for the club, as everyone from owner **Dell Loy Hansen**, to heralded HC **Laura Harvey**, to club captain Sauerbrunn are expecting nothing less than a rewarding 2018 campaign ... The addition over the last 150 days since the formation of the team of a million-dollar Rio Tinto Stadium locker room home, the most lucrative jersey-front kit deal in American Women's soccer history, and training homes at both the world-class Zions Bank Real Academy and America First Field all indicate the franchise is preparing for nothing less than success ...

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KEY DATES IN CLUB HISTORY

November 16, 2017:

A historic day for Utah's sporting landscape as the Real Salt Lake pyramid saw Owner **Dell Loy Hansen** joined at Rio Tinto Stadium by Utah Governor **Gary Herbert** and NWSL Managing Director of Operations **Amanda Duffy** to announce that the club would acquire an NWSL team for the 2018 season ...

The announcement was made just 24 hours after Hansen's ownership stake and partnership in the NWSL was officially signed in New York City ... The standing-room only event at the Interform Club on the venue's 2nd-floor also came just 15 days after Hansen received an initial phone call from Portland's **Merritt Paulsen** to gauge RSL interest in NWSL opportunities, one which created a whirlwind of exploratory discussions in Portland, New York, Chicago and Salt Lake regarding RSL's NWSL endeavor ...

One day later, the NWSL made official the transfer of FC Kansas City player rights to Salt Lake ... As a precursor to this transfer, the NWSL re-acquired FC Kansas City LLC's membership interest in the league and ceased club operations immediately.

November 21, 2017:

Real Salt Lake General Manager **Craig Waibel** announced the hiring of the two-time NWSL Coach of the Year **Laura Harvey**, the winningest manager in NWSL's five-year history ...

"Visiting with [RSL owner] Dell Loy Hansen, [general manager] Craig Waibel, [RSL MLS head coach] **Mike Petke** and others and having the chance to see their vision for the club locally and the sport nationally and internationally, it was impossible not to get excited about what RSL looks to do for women's soccer," Harvey said. "The facilities and environment that we will be able to offer our players are world-class. This is a great place for me to continue to develop as a coach, and I believe we will be able to make a huge stamp on women's soccer not just in Utah but nationwide."

December 1, 2017:

Unveiling the club's logo, name and colors, the **Utah Royals FC** identity was unveiled two weeks after Utah's intentions to participate in the NWSL for what would be a historic sixth season, and just days after visiting the Nike campus 20 days into its 90-day NWSL production cycle ...

During the previous year, the NWSL celebrated the 500th game in league history – more than the combined total of two prior high-profile domestic women's leagues – as it continued to push women's professional soccer to new heights as the best league in the world ...

KEY DATES (Cont'd)

December 21, 2017:

U.S. Women's National Team Captain **Becky Sauerbrunn** commits to Utah, arriving as a the club's inaugural player and setting tone for more than a dozen other former FC Kansas City players to relocate to the new club's Rio Tinto Stadium home ...

December 29, 2017:

Via trade, Utah Royals FC acquired standout NWSL and USWNT defender **Kelley O'Hara** from Sky Blue FC, along with FW Taylor Lytle in exchange for Shea Groom, Christina Gibbons and the #4 overall pick in the 2018 NWSL College Draft ... Due to international duty in the first quarter of 2018, O'Hara wouldn't be able to join her Utah teammates until March 10, just two weeks prior to the 2018 NWSL kickoff ...

February 5, 2018:

URFC Owner Hansen is joined by multiple players in Logan, Utah, to unveil the club's clean white secondary kit, emblazoned across the front with the **CONSERVIVE** logo, to announce **the most lucrative jersey-front partnership in American women's soccer history** ... The reported 3-year, \$2 million deal receives a boost when the team's highly-anticipated primary gold kits are finally unveiled at Rio Tinto Stadium on March 10, at halftime of a standing-room only crowd present for RSL's 2018 MLS season opener ...

February 9, 2018:

Nine members of the club's front office and technical staff are unveiled, most prominently **Stephanie Lee** – a former colleague of Harvey in Seattle with the NWSL Reign – as the Utah Royals FC managing director (and the NWSL's lone female "alternate governor" at ownership meetings) ...

February 15, 2018:

Nearly two dozen players converge on Utah to convene as a group for the first time on the eve of preseason, meeting Owner **Dell Loy Hansen**, RSL club officials, and many teammates for the first time through a series of meals, community events, fitness tests, etc., culminating in the unveiling of housing and transportation assistance provided by the club, as well as the formal presentation of **newly-constructed Rio Tinto Stadium locker room home** for Utah Royals FC ...

February 19, 2018:

Utah Royals FC kick off its **inaugural preseason training sessions** at the \$78 million dollar Zions Bank Real Academy in Herriman, Utah, wearing the colors and kicking a ball for the historic first time ... Several of the club's 11 international players representing 7 countries would not join the group until the latter half of the preseason (March 12 in LA) due to international duties "For Club and Country" ...

March 24, 2018:

The club finally takes the field at Orlando in a historic inaugural game, one which will be televised and streamed in Utah via KMYU television and KSL digital, the same broadcast outlets as Real Salt Lake/MLS ...

April 28, 2018:

Amy Rodriguez came back for URFC on April 28, 2018 for her first start since she tore her ACL in the 2017 season opened for FC Kansas City. In the 53rd minute, Rodriguez chased down a long ball and beat a Thorns defender to score the URFC first ever home point for the club. The match ended in a 1-1 draw.

May 5, 2018:

On May 5, 2018 URFC defeated the Washington Spirit, 2-0 at RioT. Kelley

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O'Hara scored early in the seventh minute off a ball from Amy Rodriguez. The pass split the Spirit's defense for O'Hara to run through and finish. The second goal was scored by Diana Matheson in the 66th minute. After winning the ball from a slide tackle, Matheson chipped the Spirit goalkeeper and gained her first goal for URFC. The game ended 2-0 and URFC gained their first win in franchise history in front of a 7,551 crowd.

June 16, 2018:

URFC defeated the North Carolina Courage 1-0 at Wake Med Soccer Park in Cary, North Carolina. The match was 0-0 until the 94th minute. Diana Matheson stepped up to take a free kick and the ball rebounded just outside of the penalty box. Brittany Ratcliffe was there for the scramble to take a quick turn and blast a shot to the upper left corner of the net.

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THE INAUGURAL 24 HOURS

“This is the Best I've Ever Seen”

A 24-hour period in mid-February when the players reported for preseason might have been the most significant whirlwind of excitement for Utah Royals FC in its brief four-month history leading up to the Orlando opener ...

In less than a day, the new team members experienced their first team dinner, met new teammates and coaches — many of whom had played together in Kansas City or elsewhere in the NWSL — and moved into their housing accommodations, received use of new sponsored Ford Eco-Sport cars, ultimately walking through the brand new Royals FC locker room at Rio Tinto Stadium ...

“We set a goal to make this the best women’s team in the world, and if that’s our goal, then we need to provide nothing less than the best,” said Owner Dell Loy Hansen, at the inaugural team dinner on Thursday night, Feb. 15 ...

Yet the dinner was not your typical team outing ... Prior to ordering their meals, the women were suddenly instructed to “Stop what you’re doing, and go outside.”

Unaware of the impending gift, the Utah Royals FC squad walked out to find six brand new Ford EcoSports waiting in the parking lot ... Many of the players were handed keys in the Ford ceremonial car event, and others were given a monthly \$100 Maverik gas card to cover training and community travel ...

“It is incredible how the Utah Royals FC have been able to take care of us like this,” said midfielder **Erika Tymrak**. “I know that the women are so grateful for everything that has been given to us. Everyone is speechless.”

Just 15 hours later, the team arrived to view its \$1-million dollar locker room at Rio Tinto Stadium, which left the women shocked with amazement — shrieks of excitement filled the large locker room, while others were left speechless ... Their new home consists of a world-class facility, with individually-named lockers, a lounge and kitchen area, vanity, training area, exercise room, technical offices, and equipment room ...

Hansen concluded the incredible tour by tearfully promising to fly each woman’s families out for the inaugural April 14 home game at Rio Tinto Stadium ... His closing remarks struck a deep chord of emotion for many of the new team members, prompting gracious hugs, tears, and expressions of gratitude ...

“This has been emotional for me. I’ve been playing professionally for a number of years, and I’ve lived apart from my boyfriend for all of them. So [playing professionally] is a conscious decision that I have to make every single year,” said USWNT co-captain **Becky Sauerbrunn** ... “To have someone like Dell Loy that recognizes the sacrifices that we make—to make that a little bit easier—is wonderful ... We got emotional because there are husbands, there are partners, there are children that are being left behind. To make that a little bit easier, and take that off our shoulders a little bit, is truly amazing.”

MORE REAX:

Dell Loy Hansen

“We created a place that honors the professionalism of this amazing group of women athletes. We’ve always given great treatment to the NBA, the NFL, college football, basketball — but here is the best group of women soccer players in the world. They deserve equal treatment; it’s not even gray. They deserve equal treatment. And I think we came close to providing that true professionalism that they deserve.”

“Today was like Christmas. You can have Christmas and not get anything close to this. It’s like seeing your children with happy faces, almost unbelieving, that they have been able to join an organization that cares this much. We care this much and more. It is them that we honor. We want them to think of themselves as being nothing less than professional athletes, that their needs are met, that they’re honored, that they have the dignity of being the best women’s soccer team in the world — and we should treat them like that.”

“When I saw their happy faces, I had to cry. We had a shared emotion. It was hard to keep a straight face. I raised seven daughters. I have been highly aware that women are sometimes viewed as not being as capable, or not given near the opportunities that men are. And I have always been a true believer in equal rights, equal pay, and equal respect. When we took this challenge on, we decided that the RSL men and the Royals women, in my mind, are absolutely equal and will be given equal treatment, equal field, and equal respect. While I don’t control the salary cap, I can do everything up to that to let them know I am doing everything possible to create equality. We bend over backwards to build the best training facility for our men — to provide meals, help with housing, help with their immigration — Real exists in a way to serve the athlete so that they can be true professionals on the field. And I think these women will also become better athletes because they have that self-image that they are deserving, and that they will be what they deserve to be. I believe that.”

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Captain Becky Sauerbrunn

"Dell Loy has shown us the potential. He has treated us so well; I mean I fly in just yesterday, was picked up at the airport, was driven to my fully-furnished apartment, went to dinner, met Dell Loy, met a bunch of people from the front office, met my teammates that I haven't seen in a long time, and the ones that are new —and then we went outside and we got cars! You just want to be treated like a professional, and he has gone so beyond that. It is has been so amazing to be a part of that, like it's only been 24 hours — what's going to happen in 48 hours? Just seeing the locker room and hearing about the Opening Day plans is so wonderful, and it makes me feel very honored and fortunate to be a part of this."

"The locker room is fantastic! I have played in a lot of stadiums with the U.S. and been all over the world, and that is a world-class locker room. It has everything you could possibly need, I mean there are robes! You don't even need a robe — but like maybe I did need a robe?! All of it is so top-notch and so classy, and when we start playing soccer, everything we need is ready for us."

"When I came here on a visit, I got to meet Dell Loy, and he struck as a man that when he says he's going to do something, it's going to happen. So when he told me all the stuff that he was going to do, I thought that this was amazing, and that he was going to do it. And he did do it. He came through with everything that he said. I will never doubt that anything that comes out of his mouth, he's going to go and do it."

"You can always throw money and create something, but for him [Dell Loy Hansen], it seemed like this was so much more of a passion. He got emotional and made a lot of us emotional because he's really trying to understand the sacrifices that we've made. To help with that, but then understand all the issues—on field, off field that we come across in our careers — he's really trying to help. He's offering us opportunities outside of the stadium, which is amazing, enriching us in the community, and to set us up like that, to meet with powerful women in the community — this is something where people can build a life and build a career playing soccer and also beyond."

Forward Amy Rodriguez

"I just got to Salt Lake City yesterday, and since I have arrived, so much has happened. I am a little bit blown away because everything is so grand and so wonderful. I can tell that our team is in the best of hands and that we have an organization that is going to be the very best. I could not be more excited. I think my teammates and I are ready to get out on the field, and get things going."

"The locker room is top-of-the-line and is something that I have never really been a part of. As a professional athlete, this is part of our dream — to play in the best facilities, to have the best organization — and I feel that everyone has rallied behind us. I hope that we can put the best product on the field and show people what the best club in the world looks like."

"I've had my fair share of teams I've played on, and stadiums I've played in, but this is the best I've ever seen. To get to play on it, and be here, and be a part of this — I'm speechless. This really is the best, and I just can't wait for the season to start."

"I almost feel like I don't deserve this. I feel like this is something that is so special, and to see Dell Loy up there speaking to us, and getting emotional about his passion for this club and for the sport — I just feel so lucky. I can't believe that this is part of my story. I really do hope that we can inspire the next generation of women, and create a movement. I see that Dell Loy is pioneering that for us."

Head Coach Laura Harvey

"It was amazing to see the players' reaction. I think the build-up has been big, but they didn't disappoint. I think Dell Loy promised that he would provide a locker room in a home that the players would want to be around, and there's no doubt that that's happened. I think you saw the girls' reactions is to more than just the building, but to everything Dell Loy is trying to do here. I think it means that these players can actually feel like they're a part of something really special."

"The great thing about Dell Loy is that he's so authentic. You just see how he presents everything to them that he truly cares — it's not about him trying to stage things or make it big for no reason — but he truly cares. And when you have that feeling as a player or coach or a member of the staff, it makes you want to go the extra mile for that man. I think for me, it will be an easy team talk most days when I'm here to get the girls motivated to play, because you want to do it for someone who cares for you. And I think that is something that is going to resonate throughout the team. I think the biggest thing now is that we have to do our job, and I think that is the next stage — we are in a position now to do our job. Our task is to go out and do it to the best of our ability, and we are set up to do that —it's great."

"I think they [players and staff] are just in shock. It's just not real yet. They're sitting now in the locker room and just chilling out. And I see it on their faces, looking around, asking themselves if this is real. And I think gradually over time they'll appreciate what it is. And I don't think it's going to end here — I think he's going to keep producing things and enable them to be the best professionals they can be. And ultimately, that is all they have ever wanted, is to be put in an environment where they can succeed, and they truly believe that they're herenow."

"I said when I came here that I was sold on something, and to see that in reality makes me want to go out there on Monday and put out the best training sessions that I possibly can. I think from a players' perspective, they are going to feel the same by showing exactly who they are. You don't want them going out on the field thinking about everything that they're stressing about. You want them to wake up and be the best footballer that they can be, and I think he has set that tone that they can do that. That to me just makes my job way easier."

"Again, I go back to the thought that Dell Loy is authentic. You can't fake that. The moment that happened, I think that everyone in that room knew that this is real, that this is true, that he believes in everything he's saying, and he's going to follow through with everything he's saying he's going to do. When you have someone that is so invested in that, from a women's soccer perspective, every player and coach feels that they have a responsibility to give back to the next generation. When you have someone like Dell Loy that also has that vision, it means that you can truly make something that is going to have a history that is going to live on for a long, long time. And that is super exciting."

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NEW 2019 ACQUISITIONS

Veronica Boquete: Announced signing on January 4, 2018... captained the Spanish National Team in 2013 UEFA Women's European Championship and led Spain to its first World Cup in 2015...

Michelle Maemone: 2019 NWSL College Draft (rights): defender from Pepperdine University ... Supplemental player as 2019 season kicks off ...

Maddeline Nolf: 2019 NWSL College Draft (rights): defender from Penn State University... Supplemental player as 2019 season kicks off...

Gaby Vincent: Non-roster invitee from the University of Louisville... ... Supplemental player as 2019 season kicks off ...

RETURNING 2018 NWSL PLAYERS

Nicole Barnhart: Former USWNT goalkeeper, 2013 NWSL GK of the Year, NWSL cup winner in 2014, 2015 ...

Katie Bowen: New Zealand WNT defender, youngest player to ever play for the New Zealand side ...

Rachel Corsie: non-roster invitee to 2018 preseason following multiple season in Seattle – Scotland captain signed NWSL contract on March 18...

Makenzy Doniak: traded to URFC from the North Carolina Courage... was a standout for the University of Virginia Cavaliers registering 64 goals...

Sam Johnson: acquired from trade with the Chicago Red Stars on June 28, 2018... played on loan with Melbourne Victory in the Australian W-League and won the Premier's Plate...

Gunnhildur Jonsdottir: International signee – Iceland WNT midfielder, Toppserien league winner ...

Lo'eau LaBonta: Midfielder from Stanford, discovery player who earned starting position with FC Kansas City in 2016 ...

Mandy Laddish: U-20 FIFA Women's World Cup winner, played every game of college career at the University of Notre Dame ... (Injured Reserve status pending, due to recurring hip injury) ...

Taylor Lytle: Trade with Sky Blue FC – Defender/Midfielder, former member of USWNT U-23 team ...

Diana Matheson: acquired via draft-day trade with Seattle Reign FC in January (Utah sends rights to Yael Averbach the other way) ... Attacker with Canadian WNT, won bronze medal in 2016 Olympics ...

Sydney Miramontez: Defender invited to USWNT U-23 National training camp ...

Becca Moros: Professional league veteran midfielder, 2015 NWSL Cup champion ...

Kelley O'Hara: acquired via trade with Sky Blue FC - USWNT defender, 2012 Olympic Gold medalist, and 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup winner ...

Christen Press: acquired rights from mega trade on June 28, 2018... USWNT forward, 2012 Olympic Gold medalist, and 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup winner...

Brittany Ratcliffe: Played almost every game of college career at University of Virginia, scoring 24 goal ...

Amy Rodriguez: USWNT forward, FIFA Women's World Cup gold medal winner, 2X Olympic gold medalist ... Begins 2018 on Injured Reserve, aiming for April return ...

Becky Sauerbrunn: USWNT defender and co-Captain, FIFA Women's World Cup gold medal winner, 2X Olympic gold medalist, NWSL Cup champion 2014, 2015 ...

Desiree Scott: Canadian WNT midfielder, 2X Olympic Bronze Medalist ...

Abby Smith: via 2018 NWSL Dispersal Draft – finished successful college career as a goalkeeper with the University of Texas, ranked first in Big 12 Conference in total saves (96) ... one of top NWSL save leaders in 2017 with Boston Breakers ...

Katie Stengel: 2018 NWSL Dispersal Draft – 2012 U-20 FIFA Women's World

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Cup champion ... Former Bayern Munich, Boston Breakers striker

...

Erika Tymrak: 2013 NWSL Rookie of the year, NWSL Cup champion
2014, 2015 ...

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PRESEASON QUOTE SHEET

HEAD COACH LAURA HARVEY

Thoughts on being back

“So happy to be back on the field. The girls have been working really hard over the last couple of days and just to be able to finally have even more of the group here, which is good to get them all together again. Being able to coach on the field was a good feeling, I enjoyed it.”

Expectations this season

“I don’t know if the expectation goals change, to win every game, get into the playoff. That wasn’t any different. I think the journey we went on last year, was one that we have to utilize and the experience we had together, we have to utilize to make ourselves better. I keep using the term trust the process with the players because I think it was hard for any of us to trust the process because everything was so new, from every single staff member being new, every player is a new experience working with me and vice versa. So, I think that trusting the process this year is a big thing we want to live by because I think we know what we want the process to be now and I think that will put us in a good standing of what is all difficult in a World Cup year.”

Managing the ins and outs of players this season

“I think I said to the group right at the start of the week, that it is about communication. Being honest, I am always going to tell them everything. The players who go off on International team duty, it is what it is and the girls who stay back, we have to appreciate that is a huge honor for them to do. The job for the players who stay, is to put ourselves in a position once the World Cup is over, is a position that puts us up to win.”

Focus this season

“I think build off the season we ended on last year is a good place to start. From our performances on the field from the relationships we built and results to come away with two wins and a draw in the last three games is a good thing to end on. But we want more than what we gave last year. We want to get to a position to make playoffs, and we were close last year. I think one of the reasons for that was, we started ok, we didn’t start brilliantly. We have got to try to put that right this year.”

Thoughts on team chemistry

“Partnerships is a huge part of our chemistry-finding out who works best with who, alongside each other, behind each other, is something we have been talking about a lot. Trying to look at what we want to get out of the first two games when we have everybody here, and what that looks like as the season progresses on and people leave for the World Cup.”

MF Vero Boquete

Thoughts on the first training of preseason

“I think it went well. The first day is always important to feel everyone’s excitement and I think we feel it here today.”

Goals for the preseason

“First is to get fit. I was training in my home town already, but it is more to also find out about players, and what type of players everyone is. It is almost easy.”

Thoughts on playing in the U.S. again

“It is really easy coming to a new team in the U.S. because everyone is so nice. It is not that common in other countries, and I am feeling really comfortable with the girls and everyone is very friendly. Everyone is helping me and driving me, so I don’t get lost. I am very happy here.”

Thoughts on personal goals this season

“For me, it is just to get better every day. I am an experienced player, but I always think that I can get better. So that is my goal every day when I come to train- How I can be better from the day before.”

FW Amy Rodriguez

Thoughts on the first day of preseason:

“Today was so nice, to get back in the swing of things. I absolutely love this group and I am looking forward to a great season.”

Thoughts on her personal comeback

“Knock on wood this is my second season here, now feeling much better after last year kind of being a recovery year under me. So I feel good and I feel strong, ready to embark on a new season, and hopefully help my team in every way possible.”

Mindset for preseason

“Preseason is always tough, so I think the mindset is to set ourselves up for success and work as hard as we can now, so we can get ready for the season

GK Abby Smith

Thoughts on the first week of preseason

“Week one, I feel like it has been good. It has been awesome being back on the field with everybody and working together. I think we have a lot of room to grow and we are excited.”

2019 Expectations

“I think the expectations are to build off of last year and to obviously win the league and championship. We really want to work on day-by-day to get better and improve on the things that we want to improve on.”

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UTAH ROYALS FC – ALL-TIME NWSL REGULAR-SEASON HISTORY (2018-present)

----- OVERALL -----			----- HOME GAMES -----					----- ROAD GAMES -----							
	GF	GA	+/-	GP	W-L-T	GF	GA	+/-	GP	W-L-T	GF	GA	+/-	FORM	GUDIE (reverse order = H/A)
ORL	4	1-1-2	3 3 =	2	1-1-1	1 2	-1	2	1-0-1	2 1	+1			W	LLD
HOU	4	2-1-1	4 3 +1	2	1-1-0	2 2	=	2	1-0-1	2 1	+1			L	WDL
CHI	4	2-2-0	3 4 -1	3	2-1-0	3 2	+1	1	1-1-0	0 2	-2			W	WLL
NC	4	2-0-2	4 3 +1	1	0-0-1	0 0	=	3	1-0-2	4 3	+1			D	DDW
POR	3	0-2-1	1 5 -6	1	0-0-1	1 1	=	2	0-2-0	0 6	-6				LLD
WAS	4	4-0-0	5 0 +5	3	3-0-0	4 0	+4	1	1-0-0	1 0	+1			W	WWW
SKY	3	2-0-1	7 4 +3	1	1-0-0	3 1	+2	2	1-0-1	4 3	+1				DWW
SEA	3	0-1-2	0 2 -2	2	0-1-1	0 1	-1	1	0-0-1	0 1	-1				LLD
TOTAL:	28	12-7-9	25 20 +5	14	7-3-4	13 7	+6	14	5-4-5	13 16	-3				

URFC – ALL-TIME YEAR-BY-YEAR NWSL REGULAR SEASON RECORD

----- OVERALL -----				----- HOME GAMES -----						----- ROAD GAMES -----					
Year	W-L-T	PTS	PPG GF GA +/-	W-L-T	PTS	PPG GF GA +/-	W-L-T	PTS	PPG GF GA +/-						
2018	9-7-8	35	--- 24 21 +2	5-3-4	22	--- 12 7 +4	4-4-4	16	--- 12 15 -3						
2019	3-1-1	10	3 5 3 +2	2-1-0	6	2.25 3 2 +1	1-0-0	3	3 1 0 +1						
TOT.	12-8-8	44	--- 25 21 +4	7-4-4	28	--- 15 9 +6	5-4-5	20	4 14 16 -2						

URFC Coaching History

- NWSL REGULAR SEASON -

- NWSL PLAYOFFS -

Year	Coach	W	L	T	PCT	PTS	W	L	T	PCT	ShO
2018	Laura Harvey	9	7	8	.375	35					
2019	Laura Harvey	3	1	1	1.000	10					
ALL-TIME		12	8	8	.613	44					

UTAH ROYALS FC – ALL-TIME SEASON ENDING AWARD WINNERS

Year	Team MVP	Golden Boot (G)	Defensive POTY	Humanitarian	NWSL Honors
2018	Becky Sauerbrunn	Katie Stengel (6)	Becky Sauerbrunn/Rachel Corsie	Amy Rodriguez	Becky Sauerbrunn (Best XI)
2019					

ALL-TIME UTAH ROYALS FC ATTENDANCE HISTORY (2018-present)

TOP 5 ALL-TIME URFC ATTENDANCE HISTORY

Date	Opponent	Attendance	Notes
April 14, 2018	Chicago Red Stars	19,203	Utah Royals FC Inaugural Home Opener
April 20, 2019	Washington Spirit	18,015	2019 Home Opener Sees Lo'eau LaBonta Net Winner
May 3, 2019	Chicago Red Stars	16,556	Amy Rodriguez Nets Late Winner to Keep URFC Perfect in 2019
Sept. 8, 2018	Chicago Red Stars	11,851	Final Match of 2018 Sees URFC Top Red Stars 2-1
May 11, 2018	Houston Dash	10,138	Amy Rodriguez scores her second goal of 2019

NWSL REGULAR SEASON (2018-present)

Overall Record	--- AT HOME ---			--- ON THE ROAD ---			HOME RANK	LARGST HOOME CROWD
	GAMES	TOTAL	AVERAGE	GAMES	TOTAL	AVERAGE		
2018	9-7-8	12	113,593	9,466	12	--	2 ND	19,203
2019	3-1-1	4	44,709	14,903	2	9,461	4,730	TBD

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2019 ROSTER



1 // Abby Smith
Goalkeeper



2 // Rachel Corsie
Defender



3 // Becca Moros
Defender



4 // Becky Sauerbrunn
Defender



5 // Kelley O'Hara
Defender



6 // Katie Bowen
Defender



7 // Mandy Laddish
Midfielder



8 // Amy Rodriguez
Forward



9 // Lo'eau LaBonta
Midfielder



10 // Diana Matheson
Midfielder



11 // Desiree Scott
Midfielder



12 // Taylor Lytle
Midfielder



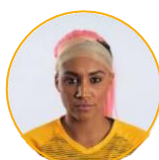
13 // Makenzy Doniak
Midfielder



14 // Gaby Vincent
Defender



15 // Erika Tymrak
Forward



16 // Samantha Johnson
Defender



17 // Sydney Miramontez
Defender



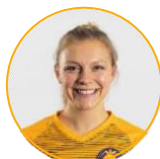
18 // Nicole Barnhart
Goalkeeper



19 // Michelle Maemone
Defender



21 // Vero Boquete
Midfielder



22 // Madeline Noit
Defender



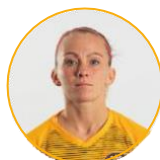
23 // Christen Press
Forward



24 // Katie Stengel
Forward



25 // Brittany Ratcliffe
Forward



66 // Gunny Jónsdóttir
Midfielder



HC // Laura Harvey

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ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

#	Name	Pos.	Ht	D.O.B.	Home town	College	Status
18	Nicole Barnhart	GK	5-10	10/10/1981	Gilbertville, PA	Virginia	---
21	Veronica Boquete	MF	5-4	04/09/1987	Santiago de Compostela,	Spain	---
6	Katie Bowen	DF	5-7	04/15/1994	Auckland, New Zealand	North Carolina	INT-NZ
2	Rachel Corsie	DF	5-9	08/17/1989	Aberdeen, Scotland	--	---
13	Makenzy Doniak	MF	5-8	02/25/1994	Chino Hills, CA	Virginia	---
16	Sam Johnson	DF	5-5	06/10/1991	Palmdale, CA	USC	---
66	Gunny Jonsdottir	MF	5-5	09/28/1988	Garoabaer, Iceland	--	INT-IC
9	Lo'eau LaBonta	MF	5-2	03/18/1993	Rancho Cucamonga, CA	Stanford	---
7	Amanda Laddish	MF	5-7	05/13/1992	Lee's Summit, MO	Notre Dame	---
12	Taylor Lytle	MF	5-2	03/31/1989	Las Cruces, NM	Texas Tech	---
19	Michelle Maemone	DF	5-7	03/18/1997	San Jose, CA	Pepperdine	SUP
10	Diana Matheson	MF	5-0	04/06/1984	Ontario, Canada	Princeton	FED-CAN
17	Sydney Miramontez	DF	5-7	10/11/1994	Lenexa, KS	Nebraska	---
3	Rebecca Morros	DF	5-5	05/06/1985	New York City, NY	Duke	---
22	Madeline Nolf	DF	5-3	03/29/1996	Omaha, NE	Penn State	SUP
5	Kelley O'Hara	DF	5-5	08/04/1988	Fayetteville, GA	Stanford	FED-USA
23	Christen Press	FW	5-7	12/29/1988	Los Angeles, CA	Stanford	FED_USA
25	Brittany Ratcliffe	FW	5-4	02/07/1994	Williamstown, NJ	Virginia	---
8	Amy Rodriguez	FW	5-4	02/17/1987	Lake Forest, CA	USA	---
4	Becky Sauerbrunn	DF	5-7	06/06/1985	St Louis, MO	Virginia	---
11	Desiree Scott	MF	5-2	07/31/1987	Winnipeg, Canada	Manitoba	FED_CAN
1	Abby Smith	GK	5-9	10/04/1993	Plano, TX	Texas	---
24	Katie Stengel	FW	5-9	02/29/1992	Melbourne, FL	Wake Forest	---
15	Erika Tymrak	MF	5-6	08/07/1991	Bradenton, FL	Florida	---
14	Gaby Vincent	DF	5-6	12/07/1997	Columbia, Md	Louisville	SUP
20	Mallory Weber	FW			Novi, MI	Penn State	---

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#	Name	Pos.	Pronunciation	Place of Birth	Last Club (League)
1	Abby Smith	DF		Portland, OR	Boston Breakers (NWSL)
2	Rachel Corsie	DF		Alberdeen, Scotland	Seattle Reign (NWSL)
3	Rebecca Morros	DF		New York City, NY	FC Kansas City (NWSL)
4	Becky Sauerbrunn	MF		St. Louis, MO	FC Kansas City (NWSL)
5	Kelley O'Hara	FW		Fayetteville, GA	Sky Blue FC (NWSL)
6	Katie Bowen	MF		Auckland, New Zealand	FC Kansas City (NWSL)
7	Amanda Laddish	MF		Lee's Summit, MO	FC Kansas City (NWSL)
8	Amy Rodriguez	FW		Lake Forest, CA	FC Kansas City (NWSL)
9	Lo'eau LaBonta	MF	Low Luh-BONN-tuh	Rancho Cucamonga, CA	FC Kansas City (NWSL)
10	Diana Matheson	FW		Ontario, Canada	FC Kansas City (NWSL)
11	Desiree Scott	MF	dez-uhRAY	Winnipeg, Canada	Seattle Reign (NWSL)
12	Taylor Lytle	DF	LIE-till	La Cruces, NM	Sky Blue FC (NWSL)
13	Makenzy Doniak	DF	DON-ee-AK	Chino Hills, CA	North Carolina Courage (NWSL)
14	Gaby Vincent	MF		Columbia, Md	Louisville
15	Erika Tymrak	GK		Detroit, MI	FC Kansas City (NWSL)
16	Sam Johnson	MF		Palmdale, CA	Chicago Red Stars (NWSL)
17	Sydney Miramontez	DF		Lenexa, KS	FC Kansas City (NWSL)
18	Nicole Barnhart	M/F		Pattstown, PA	FC Kansas City (NWSL)
19	Michelle Maemone	DF		San Jose, CA	Pepperdine
21	Veronica Boquete	MF	"Vero"	Santiago de Compostela	Spain Beijing Phoenix (China)
22	Madeline Nolf	FW		Omaha, NE	Penn State
23	Christen Press	GK		Los Angeles, CA	Goteborg FC (Sweden)
24	Katie Stengel	MF		Viera, FL	Boston Breakers (NWSL)
25	Brittany Ratcliffe	FW		Monroe Township, NJ	FC Kansas City (NWSL)
66	Gunny Jonsdottir	FW	"Gunny"	Garoabaer, Iceland	Valerenga (Norway)

INTERNATIONAL REPLACEMENT SIGNEES

#	NAME	Pos.	Pronunciation	Place of Birth	Last Club (League)
42	Raisa Strom-Okimoto	FW	RISE-ah	'Aiea, O'ahu	University of Hawaii (NCAA)
46	Meghan Cox	DF		Springfield, VA	Houston Dash (NWSL)
47	Alexa Kimball	DF		SLC, UT	University of North Carolina (NCAA)

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GK NICOLE BARNHART#18

Height: 5' 10"

Birth Date: October 10, 1981

Birthplace: Pottstown, Pennsylvania

College: Stanford

Barnhart, 36, comes to the Utah Royals FC with more than a decade of professional experience. With 54 caps with the United States Women's National team, and 108 starts for FC Kansas City, Barnhart comes to Salt Lake with two Olympic gold medals (2008, 2012) and a 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup runner-up. Up until 2017, Barnhart held the NWSL record for most consecutive "clean-sheets," going on a 10-game streak without allowing a goal. She was named the 2013 NWSL Goalkeeper of the Year, and would win an NWSL title in both 2014 and 2015 for FCCKC, against Harvey and Seattle.

DF KATIE BOWEN #6

Height: 5' 7"

Birth Date: April 15, 1994

Birthplace: Auckland, New Zealand

College: North Carolina

Bowen, 23, is amongst the youngest players to represent New Zealand at an international level. She made her first appearance with the senior team in 2011 against Australia, also playing in the 2011 and 2014 FIFA Women's World Cup. She has since appeared in 37 matches for the New Zealand side, scoring one goal. In 2016, FC Kansas City selected Bowen in the NWSL College Draft, where she played in 34 games on the back line, scoring two goals.

MF VERONICA BOQUETE #21

Height: 5' 4"

Birth Date: April 9, 1987

Birthplace: Santiago de Compostela, Galicia

Previous Club: Beijing BG Phoenix

Boquete moves from Beijing BG Phoenix, to Utah Royals FC, a member of the NWSL. Boquete played in the United States with the Chicago Red Stars back in 2010, when the club was a member of the Women's Professional Soccer league. After the 2010 season, Boquete played in the Spanish Superliga with RCD Espanyol de Barcelona, and won the Golden Boot award with a total of 41 goals in 29 matches. She returned to the U.S. with the Philadelphia Independence for the 2011-12 season and was named the 2011 WPS Player of the Year.

DF RACHEL CORSIE #2

Height: 5' 9"

Birth Date: August 17, 1989

Birthplace: Aberdeen, Scotland

Corsie, 28, comes to Salt Lake City with more than a decade of professional experience. As the captain of the Scotland WNT, Corsie has played in 94 games for the Scotland side, scoring 16 goals as a powerful centerback. Corsie also boasts five Scottish Women's League Cups (2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015), a Supporter's Player of the season (2014). Since making her NWSL debut in 2015 with the Seattle Reign, Corsie has played in 44 games in the NWSL, all under the guidance of Laura Harvey.

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MF MAKENZY DONIAK #13

Height: 5' 8"

Birthdate: February 25, 1994

Birthplace: Chino Hills, California

College: Virginia

Makenzy Allyson Doniak turned heads in her college days as she completed a successful career in one of the top women's soccer programs in the United States, registering 64 goals for the University of Virginia Cavaliers in 86 game appearances from 2012 to 2015. The Western New York Flash took notice and drafted her in the 2nd round of the 2016 NWSL College Draft on January 15, 2016. The Flash then relocated to North Carolina for the 2017 season and were rebranded the North Carolina Courage. Doniak was again part of the team that won the NWSL Shield in 2017 and advanced to the 2017 NWSL Championship. Though the Courage lost the 2017 season championship match, Doniak looked forward to continuing development in North Carolina. However, in February's preseason camp, Doniak tore her ACL and was slated to miss the entire season. Into the middle of the 2018 season, the North Carolina Courage sought to acquire the rights to USWNT star MF Heather O'Reilly, who was playing for the Arsenal Ladies in England. O'Reilly's player rights were assigned to the Utah Royals FC when the new club assumed the defunct FC Kansas City franchise. North Carolina traded Doniak and a third-round pick in the 2019 NWSL College Draft to the Utah Royals FC on June 28th for O'Reilly player rights and a second-round pick in the 2019 NWSL College Draft. Doniak's quality has yet to find minutes for the Royals FC, but her resume makes her a potentially exciting addition to the roster.

DF SAMANTHA JOHNSON #16

Height: 5' 6"

Birth Date: June 10, 1991

Birthplace: Palmdale, California

College: USC

An early candidate for the USWNT U17 team in 2008, Samantha Johnson was an active force for the University of Southern California from 2009 to 2012, and was named to Pac-10 All-Freshman Team in her freshman year. She joined the Chicago Red Stars in March 2014 after attending their open tryouts. In October 2016, the Red Stars sent her to Australia again to don royal blue for the Melbourne Victory FC in the 2016-2017 W-League season. Johnson continued to play for the Red Stars in the NWSL 2017 season and was named to Team of the Month in June 2017. In the 2018 NWSL season, Johnson started in all ten of her appearances with the Red Stars. She sought for a trade, but concluded it wouldn't happen until after the season ended. On June 28th, Johnson received the news she was being traded to the Utah Royals FC.

MF GUNNHILDUR JONSDOTTIR #66

Nickname: "Gunny"

Height: 5' 5"

Birth Date: September 28, 1988

Birthplace: Garðabær, Iceland

Jonsdottir, 29, helped Iceland, one of the top 20 teams in the world, qualify for the 2013 Women's UEFA Cup Quarterfinals, and bagged crucial goals against Slovenia and Scotland in Women's UEFA 2016. As one of the top goal-scorers in Iceland WNT history, and with 48 caps under her belt, Jonsdottir arrives in Utah with more than 200 club games played and nearly 50 caps for the Iceland National Team. Jonsdottir holds a national championship, winning the 2012 Iceland Women's Cup while starting for Stjarnan FC.

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She also was a member of the Norway Toppserien league's 2017 runner-up, Valerenga FC, reaching nearly 2,000 minutes, 21 games and five career goals in a single season.

MF LO'EAU LABONTA #9

Nickname: "Lo"

Height: 5' 2"

Birth Date: March 18, 1993

Birthplace: Rancho Cucamonga, CA

College: Stanford

LaBonta, 24, was a Stanford standout who played in almost 80 games for the Cardinals, and scored 22 goals during her four-year college campaign. She was drafted by Sky Blue FC in the 2015 NWSL College draft, where she made six appearances for the club. LaBonta earned a starting position in the NWSL after signing with FC Kansas City in May 2016, where she appeared in 33 games, and scored 2 goals.

MF MANDY LADDISH #7

Height: 5' 7"

Birth Date: November 3, 1991

Birthplace: Lee's Summit, Missouri

College: Notre Dame

Laddish, 26, a midfielder who has won a FIFA U20 Women's World Cup and a U20 CONCACAF women's championship. Laddish also played every single game of her college career at Notre Dame, registering six goals. Laddish was drafted to FC Kansas City in 2014.

MF TAYLOR LYTLE #12

Height: 5' 2"

Birth Date: March 31, 1989

Birthplace: Las Cruces, New Mexico

College: Texas Tech

Lytle, 28, is a midfielder who signed as a discovery player with Sky Blue FC in 2013, where she appeared in 21 of Sky Blue FC's 22 season games. Lytle was also a member of the USWNT U-23 Four Nations Tournament in Spain, where she scored one goal. Lytle attended Texas Tech University where she scored 14 goals and registered 27 assists — setting a school assist record.

DF MICHELLE MAEMONE #19

Height: 5' 7"

Birth Date: March 18, 1997

Birthplace: San Jose, California

College: Pepperdine

Maemone was selected with the fifth pick in the third round of the 2019 NWSL College Draft, having featured collegiately for Pepperdine University. Maemone played to a standout career that began in 2015 and culminated in 2018. The San Jose, California native featured in 78 matches for Pepperdine, 69 of which were starts. Maemone notched three goals in her collegiate career while registering four assists. During her senior year she featured on the backline as well as up top for the Waves. She also helped Pepperdine to a West Coast Conference-best 0.82 goals-against average in her 19 starts as a senior.

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MF DIANA MATHESON #10

Height: 5' 0"

Birth Date: April 6, 1984

Birthplace: Mississauga, Ontario, Canada

College: Princeton

Matheson, 33, A key player for the Canadian Women's side, Matheson totals 169 caps for the senior team, scoring 16 goals in international tournaments. Best known for scoring the bronze medal-winning goal for Canada in the 92nd minute against France at the 2012 Olympics, Matheson has scored 23 goals in the NWSL since 2013. Matheson also won gold in the 2011 Pan American Games, and a bronze in the 2016 Rio Olympics.

DF SYDNEY MIRAMONTEZ #17

Height: 5' 7"

Birth Date: October 11, 1994

Birthplace: Lenexa, Kansas

College: Nebraska

Miramontez, 23, is a defender who signed with FC Kansas City in 2017, where she played in five matches. Later that year, Miramontez was invited to participate in the USWNT U-23's National training camp. Miramontez had a successful career with the University of Nebraska where she started in 48 of her 75 appearances, and scored six goals.

DF BECCA MOROS #3

Height: 5' 5"

Birth Date: May 6, 1985

Birthplace: New York City, New York

College: Duke

Moros, 32, has played in the professional game since her drafting in the 2009 WPS College Draft by the Washington Freedom. In 2011, Moros was traded to the New York Flash, where she appeared in 10 games and helped the team win the WPS Women's Soccer Playoffs. Moros was traded to FC Kansas City in 2015, where she helped the team win the 2015 NWSL cup.

DF MADELINE NOLF #22

Height: 5' 3"

Birth Date: March 29, 191996

Birthplace: Omaha, Nebraska

College: Penn State

Nolf was picked ninth in the third round of the 2019 draft from Penn State University, where she spent five seasons including a redshirt year in 2016. She started all six matches for the United States U-20 Women's National Team at the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup in 2016. As a redshirt senior, Nolf and the Nittany Lion defense posted 14 shutouts and allowed just 13 goals in 25 starts on the backline. In all, the Omaha, Nebraska native earned 77 starts over her collegiate career.

DF KELLEY O'HARA #5

Height: 5' 5"

Birth Date: August 4, 1988

Birthplace: Fayetteville, Georgia

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College: Stanford

O'Hara, 29, was traded in 2017 from Sky Blue FC, where she appeared in 75 games, scoring 15 goals. A versatile player, O'Hara has played as both an attacking and defensive player in the NWSL and for the USWNT. With over 100 caps for team USA, O'Hara boasts a 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup gold medal, and a 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup runner-up. O'Hara also won an Olympic gold medal in 2012, and was a Herman Trophy winner in 2009 with the Stanford Cardinals.

FW Christen Press #23

Height: 5' 7"

Birth Date: December 29, 1988

Birthplace: Los Angeles, California

College: Stanford

The swift-footed striker came out of Stanford University in 2010 with the school's all-time leading goals at 71, and broke school records for career points, assists, and shots. She claimed the 2010 Hermann Trophy and was named Soccer America Player of the Year, Pac-10 Conference Player of the Year, and earned All-Pac-10 first team and NSCAA All-American honors. When the WPS folded in 2012, players scrambled to find new teams. Press joined Swedish club Kopparbergs/Göteborg FC and scored 17 goals in 21 match appearances. Press went on to join Swedish Damallsvenskan champion Tyresö FF on January 4, 2013. She also made her first debut for the USWNT in February 2013, and became the first woman to score three goals in her first two games. Press returned to the United States when the Chicago Red Stars of the NWSL announced she had signed with the club. Press quickly won the club's Golden Boot that season with a team-high, six goals. She was a large part of Chicago's attacking front while earning international caps for the USWNT. In 2017, she led Chicago to the NWSL Semifinals as team captain and was the top scorer for the team. On the day of the 2018 NWSL College Draft, Press was traded to the Houston Dash in a three-team deal with Sky Blue FC. Houston retained Press's rights as the striker moved overseas to sign a three-month contract with Göteborg FC. Her contract in Sweden was about to come up, and Utah Royals FC worked to make an impression. Ten days later on June 17th, NWSL announced a "mega-trade" between Houston, Chicago, and Utah that sent Press to Utah.

FW BRITTANY RATCLIFFE #25

Height: 5' 4"

Birth Date: February 7, 1994

Birthplace: Monroe Township, New Jersey

College: Virginia

Ratcliffe was a star at the University of Virginia where she played in almost every college game of her career, scoring 24 goals. Ratcliffe was drafted by the Boston Breakers in the 2016 NWSL College Draft, where she made 15 appearances and two goals in her first year. In 2017, Ratcliffe made the move to the 2014/2015 NWSL cup champions, FC Kansas City, where she appeared in 22 games, and scored one goal.

FW AMY RODRIGUEZ #8

Nickname: "A-Rod"

Height: 5' 4"

Birth Date: February 17, 1987

Birthplace: Lake Forest, California

College: USC

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Rodriguez, 31, has over 100 caps with the USWNT, and is a two-time Olympic Gold Medalist. Rodriguez also boasts a 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup championship and 3x Algarve Cup winner. Rodriguez also scored the game winning goals to win the 2014 and 2015 NWSL Cup Champion. In 2009, Rodriguez was the number one pick in the WPS College Draft.

DF BECKY SAUERBRUNN #4

Nickname: "Broon"

Height: 5' 7"

Birth Date: June 6, 1985

Birthplace: St. Louis, Missouri

College: Virginia

Sauerbrunn, 32, is best known as the co-captain of the USWNT team, with over 100 caps for team USA. Sauerbrunn olympic gold at the 2012 London olympics, and a gold medal at the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup, and was a runner-up at the 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup in Germany. Sauerbrunn also led FC Kansas City to back-to-back NWSL cup championships in 2014 and 2015. A product of Virginia, Sauerbrunn was a three-time All-American in college.

MF DESIREE SCOTT #11

Nickname: "The Destroyer"

Height: 5' 2"

Birth Date: July 31, 1987

Birthplace: Winnipeg, Canada

College: Manitoba

Scott, 30, is a midfielder for the Canadian Women's National team, owning two olympic bronze medals. While representing Canada, Scott won a Cyprus Women's Cup, a CONCACAF championship, and Pan-American gold medal. Prior to coming to the Utah Royals FC, Scott played for FC Kansas City in the midfield.

GK ABBY SMITH #1

Height: 5' 9"

Birth Date: October 4, 1993

Birthplace: Portland, Oregon

College: Texas

Smith, 24, was picked fifth in the 2016 NWSL College Draft, by the Boston Breakers, where she made 21 appearances. Smith also wore the US crest for several years as a member of the U-17, U-20, and U-23 teams, and was rostered on the senior side in May 2017 for friendlies against Sweden and Norway. A Plano native, she earned over 72 caps for the Texas Longhorns, where she finished her college career ranked first in the Big 12 Conference for 96 total saves, with a 5.33 saves-per-match. Her 30th career shutout in 2015 set a new school career shut out record.

FW KATIE STENGEL #24

Height: 5' 9"

Birth Date: February 29, 1992

Birthplace: Viera, Florida

College: Wake Forest

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Stengel, 25, was selected as the 14th pick of the 2018 NWSL Dispersal Draft. Stengel is another attacking presence who is coming to Salt Lake with 16 goals, including 7 goals with the USWNT youth teams. A 2012 FIFA Women's U20 World Cup champion, Stengel began her professional career in 2014 with the former USL W-league's Angeles Blues. She then joined the female Bundesliga side for Bayern Munich, where she appeared in 20 matches, scoring 9 goals, and winning the league title.

MF ERIKA TYMRAK #15

Height: 5' 6"

Birth Date: August 7, 1991

Birthplace: Detroit, MI

College: Florida

Tymrak, 26, was a two-time All-American for Florida before being drafted to FC Kansas City in the 2013 NWSL College Draft. Tymrak was named the 2013 NWSL Rookie of the year, and received her first call up to the USWNT side in 2013 in a friendly against Mexico. Tymrak played in the midfield for FC Kansas City, helping the team win two back-to-back NWSL cup championships in 2014 and 2015.

DF GABY VINCENT #14

Height: 5' 6"

Birth Date: December 7, 1997

Birthplace: Columbia, Maryland

College: Louisville

After finishing her college career at the University of Louisville, Vincent was a non-roster invitee to URFC's 2019 preseason camp and secured a spot on the supplemental roster. Vincent appeared and started in all 54 of her match appearances with the Cradinals, earning a total of six goals, and three assists in her collegiate career.

FW MALLORY WEBER #20

Height: 5' 4"

Birth Date: April 4, 1994

Birthplace: Novi, Michigan

College: Penn State

Weber, 25, was selected as the 14th pick in the 2016 NWSL College Draft by the Western New York Flash and was subsequently traded to Portland Thorns FC. In three season with the Thorns Weber has scored one goal in 44 appearances and was part of the team that won the 2017 National Women's Soccer League Championship. Prior to entering the NWSL the forward spent four years as a member of Penn State's soccer team where she played in 100 matches, recorded 35 goals and 29 assists and won the 2015 NCAA National Championship.