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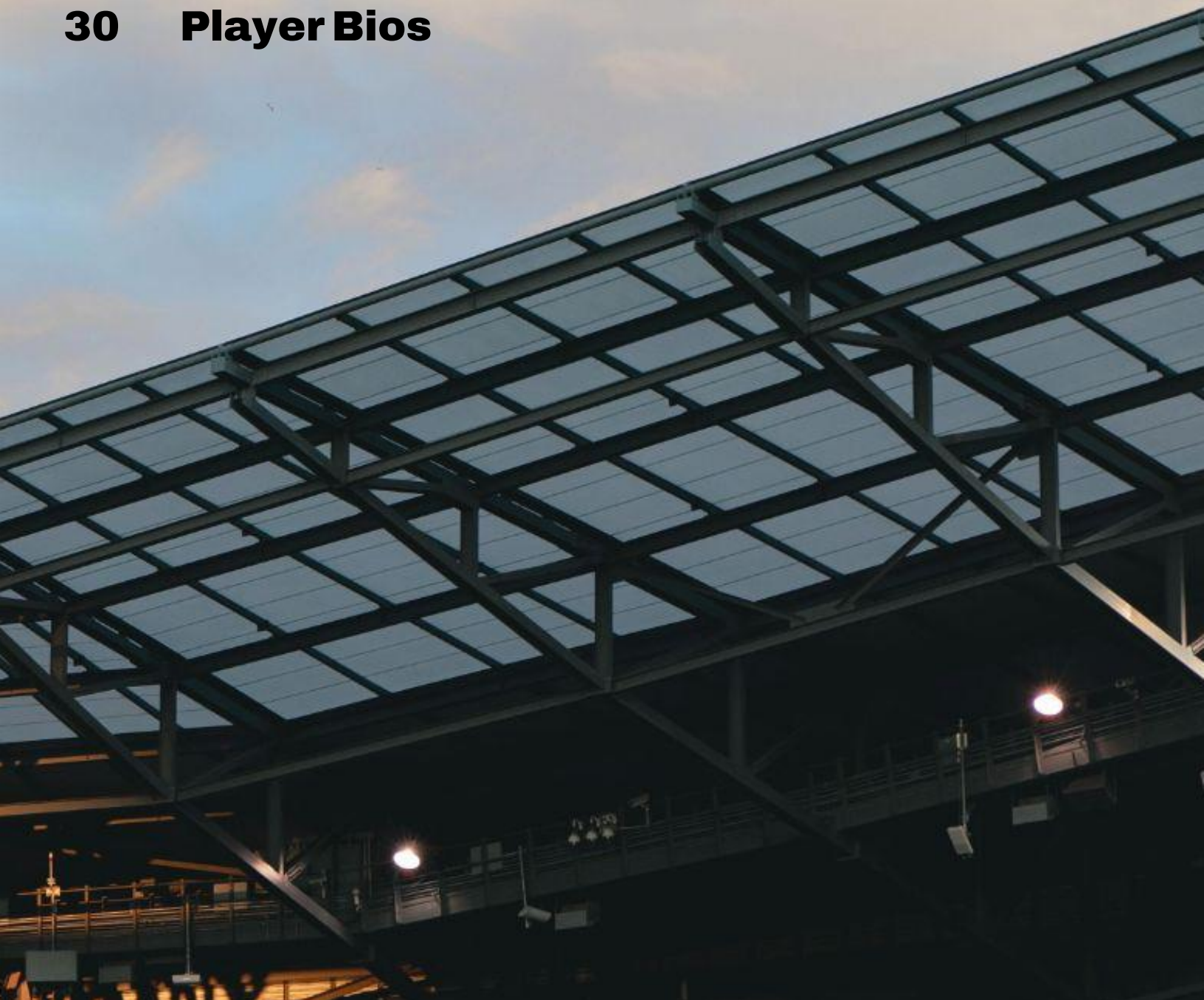
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# ABOUT

Representing New Jersey and New York, Gotham FC plays its National Women's Soccer League home matches at Red Bull Arena in Harrison, New Jersey.

Founded in 2007, Gotham FC originally debuted as Jersey Sky Blue and played in the United Soccer League's W-League. Later that year, it was selected to represent the New Jersey/New York metropolitan area in the newly founded Women's Professional Soccer (WPS) League set to begin operations in 2009. The Club rebranded as Sky Blue FC and won its first trophy in the inaugural WPS Championship in 2009.

Sky Blue FC was one of eight teams to join the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) in 2012 following the disbandment of the WPS. It won its first NWSL playoff match since 2013 during the 2020 NWSL Challenge Cup. In April 2021, the Club underwent a major rebrand and officially changed its name to NJ/NY Gotham FC. The name, logo and colors were selected after extensive fan involvement and will guide the club into the future with bold international ambitions.

Most recently, Gotham FC advanced to the 2021 Challenge Cup Final against the Portland Thorns, the Club's first ever championship appearance in an NWSL competition. Gotham also reached the postseason for the first time since 2013 after a fifth-place regular season finish in 2021.

# OWNERSHIP



## **TAMMY MURPHY**

### *CLUB CHAIR, OWNER*

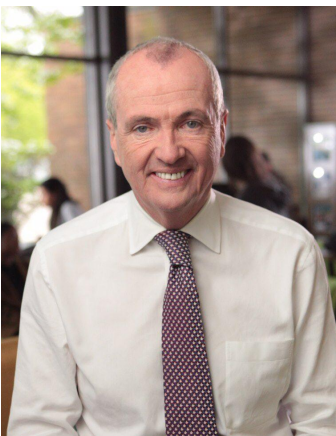
Tammy Snyder Murphy and her husband, Phil Murphy, have been owners of Gotham FC since the club's founding in 2008. The Murphys have guided the club through its membership in multiple professional women's leagues including, in 2013, when Sky Blue FC became a founding member of the National Women's Soccer League.

Serving as Chair of the club, Tammy provides strategic guidance on operational issues and collaborates with management on key personnel decisions.

Over the years, Tammy has worked with non-profits, a think-tank, and other organizations focused on the environment, education, women's health, the arts, and youth and family services. Tammy worked in finance in the U.S. and Europe and has traveled extensively throughout the world, living overseas in London, Frankfurt, Hong Kong, and Berlin. She speaks Italian and is fluent in German.

Tammy has always believed in collaborative problem-solving through coalition-building and personal engagement. It is a central theme of her life, whether running for student office during college, thriving in the competitive and male-dominated finance industry, starting and working with nonprofits, or joining the Women's March in Trenton. She is passionate that women and girls receive treatment equal to that of men and boys. Tammy earned a Bachelor of Arts in English and Communications at the University of Virginia, where she sits on the University's Board of Visitors. She also serves as Secretary and charter member of The Climate Reality Action Fund, an organization founded by former Vice-President Al Gore.

Since January 2018, Tammy has served as the First Lady of the State of New Jersey.



## **PHIL MURPHY**

### *OWNER*

Born in Boston, Phil Murphy and his family have called Monmouth County, New Jersey, home for two decades. A graduate of both Harvard University and the University of Pennsylvania, he made his career in financial services, and worked around the world. Since his retirement from business in 2003, he and Tammy have immersed themselves in charitable works and public service.

From 2009 until 2013, Phil served with distinction as the United States Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, having been appointed by former President Barack Obama. He was the board chair of 180 Turning Lives Around, a Monmouth County organization committed to ending domestic and sexual violence.

Along with Tammy, he founded 2nd Floor, a successful teen helpline. He also served as New Jersey's sole representative on the national operating board of the NAACP. Since 2018, Phil has served as the Governor of New Jersey. He and Tammy have been married for 25 years. They have four children.

# OWNERSHIP



## STEVEN TEMARES

*OWNER*

Steven Temares was born in the Bronx, New York, and raised in Paramus, New Jersey. He joined the club's ownership group prior to the club's professional debut in 2009 as a member of the NWSL's predecessor league, Women's Professional Soccer (WPS). In his first year as an owner, Sky Blue won the championship in the inaugural WPS season.

Steven formerly served as CEO of retail giant Bed Bath & Beyond, where he was responsible for day-to-day operations of the company and its subsidiaries for twenty-two years. He currently serves on the Advisory Board for Beastcoast, a professional eSports organization that emphasizes gamer interests, well-being, and happiness and focuses on celebrating the diversity of the gaming community.

Steven is also a minority owner of Major League Baseball's New York Mets and sits on the team's Advisory Board.

He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Rutgers University - where he serves on the Board of Trustees - and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. Steven and his wife, Amy, have three daughters.



## BOBBY CHO

*OPERATING OWNER*

Bobby Cho is a partner at POA Partners, a diversified principal investment firm across public and private technology focused investments. Along with his wife, HyeMi, Bobby manages their family office, Starry Eyed Tomorrow, which invests in various industries with one simple goal - to make the world a better place.

Prior to these roles, Bobby spent most of his career helping to build venture-backed, financial technology companies.

Bobby is an active alumnus of Villanova University through his sponsorship of the Cho Family Endowed Scholarship for underrepresented students and sits on Villanova's Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship board.

Bobby is also an advisory committee member to Hypersphere Ventures, a venture capital firm building and investing in the blockchain industry. Bobby is a member of the Council of Korean Americans, a national nonprofit organization of successful Korean American leaders. Bobby grew up in the greater Philadelphia area and is an avid endurance athlete.

# OWNERSHIP



## **ED NALBANDIAN**

*VICE CHAIR, OWNER*

A lifelong soccer enthusiast, Ed Nalbandian joined Gotham FC's ownership group in January 2020. He is a former high school, collegiate, and semi-professional player; a former professional youth soccer coach, and a devoted NWSL, Major League Soccer, and Premier League fan.

As the club's Vice Chair, a role that reports to Tammy, Ed is the lead owner on day-to-day club operations, collaborating closely with General Manager Yael Averbuch West and Acting President Nan Vogel.

Ed comes to Gotham FC with more than thirty-five years of executive experience. He served as a successful CEO of three IT services companies; held executive roles at IBM, AT&T, Cognizant, and Avaya, and was a finalist for Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur of the Year award in 2003.

Ed currently sits on the Board of Directors of Carousel Industries, a leading IT services company. He also authored the acclaimed IT services book, "The Managed Services Playbook," and was a founding member of the Board of Directors of the Technology Services Industry Association's Managed Services division.

Ed earned a Bachelor of Arts in Economics at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He and his wife of 30 years, Tracy, have two children, Kellie and Eric.

# OWNERSHIP



## **KRISTIN BERNERT**

*SECOND CHAIR, OWNER*

Kristin Bernert, along with business partner, Karen Bryant, joined Gotham FC's ownership group in March 2022. She also serves as Gotham FC's second chair on the NWSL's Board of Governors alongside Ed Nalbandian.

Bernert, who was named the President of Business Operations for the Columbus Crew of Major League Soccer in January 2022, also served as interim Chief Business Officer for Gotham FC in 2021.

As the former Executive Vice President, Sports Operations, Madison Square Garden Sports, Bernert was responsible for leading the business operations for Company's professional sports franchises - New York Knicks, New York Rangers, Westchester Knicks, Counter Logic Gaming and Knicks Gaming - including developing their overall commercial strategy, vision and goals, as well as managing business financial matters, building key strategic relationships, and leading fan as well as brand development.

During her decade-long tenure at MSG, also served as Senior Vice President, Business Operations, MSG Sports, where her role included strategic planning, budgeting and day-to-day team business operations, and led the New York Liberty's basketball operations and was responsible for player personnel, development and team performance.

Bernert has been recognized as a "Game Changer" by the Sports Business Journal for having a major impact on the sports industry. She has also been named to the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Hall of Fame Honor Roll and was enshrined in "The MAAC Experience" exhibit at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, MA.

Prior to joining MSG, Bernert's roles in the sports industry included: President of the Los Angeles Sparks; Vice President of Team Marketing and Business Operations at the NBA; Vice President at the Detroit Shock; Assistant Marketing Director at Ohio State University; and Assistant Athletic Director at Bowling Green State University. Kristin played Basketball at and graduated from Siena College with a BA in Psychology and received an MA in Sports Management from The Ohio State University.



# OWNERSHIP



## **KAREN BRYANT**

*OWNER, OPERATING PARTNER*

A top Senior Executive in the sports industry with over 25 years of experience leading world-class organizations and a passion for impact, Karen Bryant joined Gotham FC's ownership group in March 2022.

In 2021, Bernert and Bryant co-founded KB2 Sports, a consulting firm focused on driving investment and innovation in women's sports. KB2 Sports offers strategic guidance and collaboration with key stakeholders to identify and operationalize transformative growth for women's sports teams, leagues, media companies and properties.

With Bryant's leadership, KB2 Sports began working with Gotham FC in 2021 and helped the club develop strategic planning in various areas of the organization.

Her storied career in sports began in her role as General Manager for the Seattle Reign, managing operations for a start-up professional women's basketball franchise during the launch of the American Basketball League.

Bryant then began a 15-year tenure with the Seattle Storm, leading a range of business and operations roles and culminating in her serving as President and CEO for 6 years. Bryant successfully led the organization's transition from an NBA-affiliated team to an independently-owned team in 2008, achieving unprecedented financial performance and positioning the Storm as one of the premier franchises in the WNBA.

After leaving the Storm, Karen founded Suite J Consulting in 2014, a sports management consulting firm serving clients including the University of Washington, Seattle Sports Commission, City of SeaTac, Atlanta Dream, Nube9 and Seattle University. In 2017, Bryant entered the sports tech space as CEO of Atavus Sports, a coach education and performance analytics startup. Karen played basketball at Seattle University and University of Washington and graduated from UW with a BA in Communication.

# INVESTORS



## SUE BIRD

### INVESTOR

Bird has a proven track record of success across her career. Her resume includes a historic five Olympic Gold Medals, four WNBA championships, four FIBA World Cups, five EuroLeague Women championships, and two NCAA championships. She has been selected to thirteen WNBA All-Star teams, eight All-WNBA teams, and was recently voted into the W25 as one of the WNBA's top 25 players of all-time.

A 2002 alumnus of the University of Connecticut, Bird was drafted first overall by the Seattle Storm in the 2002 WNBA Draft. In June, Bird announced her upcoming retirement from her WNBA playing career at the conclusion of the 2022 season.

As an owner, Bird acts as a consultant and advisor to boost the club's profile in local, national, and international markets. She also collaborates with Tammy Murphy, Managing Owner Ed Nalbandian, and club leadership on a variety of club initiatives to promote the club and support its players and community.



## KEVIN DURANT

### INVESTOR

Kevin Durant is a 12-year NBA veteran and forward for the Phoenix Suns. He is a 2x NBA Champion and Finals MVP; having also won an NBA MVP Award, four NBA scoring titles, two Olympic gold medals, two NBA All-Star Game MVP Awards, and an NBA Rookie of the Year Award. He is also a ten-time NBA All-Star.

Off the court, Durant is co-founder and president of Thirty Five Ventures alongside his business partner Rich Kleiman. Founded in 2017, Thirty Five Ventures Thirty Five Ventures incorporates the duo's business entities across sports, tech, media, philanthropy and more.

Thirty Five Ventures' flagship media property is The Boardroom, a sports business platform that includes video interviews & infographics, The Boardroom University college program, events, an e-newsletter and a podcast network. Other recent Thirty Five Ventures initiatives include: the recently debuted BASKETBALL COUNTY: In The Water documentary on SHOWTIME and the upcoming basketball-themed scripted series "SWAGGER" with Imagine Entertainment and Apple; an equity partnership with premium audio brand Master & Dynamic; a minority stake in and consulting agreement with the Philadelphia Union; and the Durant Center, a state-of-the-art educational and leadership facility in Durant's hometown in Prince George's County, Maryland.

The Kevin Durant Charity Foundation's signature programs include Build It and They Will Ball, a global basketball court renovation project with 22 courts completed to date, and The Durant Center, a 10-year, 10-million dollar program in partnership with College Track that helps low-income and underserved students enroll and graduate from college. Durant received the season long NBA Cares Community Assist and ESPN Muhammad Ali Sports Humanitarian awards in 2018.

# INVESTORS



## **PETE GUELLI**

### *INVESTOR*

Pete Guelli has more than two decades of experience as a professional sports executive. Prior to being named Chief Commercial Officer of the Giants, Guelli served as the Senior Vice President of the NFL's Buffalo Bills and the Chief Operating Officer of the NBA's Charlotte Hornets.

During his ten-year tenure with Hornets, Guelli oversaw the return of the historic Hornets brand and helped the franchise surpass more than \$1 billion in value.

As an owner of Gotham FC, Guelli's focus will be to support the club, its players, and fans by working with leadership and his fellow owners to enhance existing efforts to elevate the club's local, national and international profile.



## **CARLI LLOYD**

### *INVESTOR*

Two-Time Olympic Gold Medalist and Two-Time World Cup Champion Carli Lloyd is a former soccer legend who played for the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team for 17 years (2005-2021). Carli was awarded the most prestigious and highest award in soccer: FIFA World Player of the Year (2015 and 2016); only one other American player has received the award twice.

She was best known for her clutch performances in the biggest moments, but it was Lloyd's consistent production over the course of her career, her extreme dedication to the game and her relentless pursuit of self-improvement that perhaps best exemplifies her contribution to U.S. and world soccer history.

Carli is a two-time Olympic Gold Medalist (2008 and 2012) and a Bronze Medalist (2020). She holds the unique distinction of scoring in every Olympic medal match, including the 2008 gold medal match against Brazil, a brace in the 2012 gold medal game against Japan, and a brace in the 2020 Bronze medal game against Australia. Carli holds the record for All-time leading scorer in USWNT Olympic history with 10 goals. She is the only American player to score in four different Olympics (2008, 2012, 2016, 2020).

She also competed in four Women's World Cup tournaments (2007, 2011, 2015, and 2019), and is a two-time World Cup Champion (2015 and 2019). She became the first player in FIFA Women's World Cup to Score a Hat Trick in a World Cup Final (2015). She was awarded the Golden Ball (MVP) and Silver boot at the 2015 World Cup. Carli played in more World Cup (25) and Olympic matches (22) than any other USWNT player. She scored 134 goals, in 316 Caps (games played), which ranks 3rd All-time on the international stage for men and women.

Carli is a role model who empowers and inspires others to be Better Every Day and to never give up on achieving their goals. Carli also runs her own CL10 Soccer Clinics for ages 8-18 years of age for both boys and girls. The bestselling author of *When Nobody Was Watching*, Carli empowers audiences to find their own success with lessons from both in and beyond the world of sports.

# INVESTORS



## **RICH KLEIMAN**

### *INVESTOR*

Rich Kleiman is the co-founder of Thirty Five Ventures and longtime manager of Kevin Durant. Founded in 2016, Thirty Five Ventures incorporates the duo's business entities across sports, tech, media, philanthropy and more.

The Thirty Five Ventures umbrella includes the sports business media network Boardroom; an investment portfolio with over 75 companies, including Acorns, Coinbase, Dutchie, Overtime, Dapper Labs/NBA Top Shot, Postmates, OpenSea, and more; a film/TV arm with projects including the documentary series *In the Water* (SHOWTIME), the Academy Award-winning *Two Distant Strangers* (Netflix), and the critically acclaimed scripted series "SWAGGER" (Apple TV+); a minority stake in MLS team Philadelphia Union, and management of Kevin Durant's on-and-off court business.

Kleiman also serves as the Executive Director of the Kevin Durant Charity Foundation, helping oversee the development and expansion of the Durant Center in Maryland's Prince George's County. KDCF has also partnered with the College Track program in its first DC area presence, and has built or refurbished over 25 basketball courts throughout the globe.

Kleiman sits on the Board of Directors at New Heights Youth, Inc., a non-profit dedicated to sports-based youth development and education in New York City. He is also very active in volunteering and fundraising for Coalition for the Homeless.

In 2013, Kleiman helped launch Roc Nation Sports, where he served as Vice President of the sports agency founded by Jay-Z. He worked with athletes such as Victor Cruz, CC Sabathia, Skylar Diggins-Smith, Robinson Cano, and more. Kleiman started with Roc Nation in 2008 as a music manager representing artists and DJ/Producers like D Nice, Mark Ronson, Solange, Wale, and Meek Mill.

Kleiman's career in entertainment began at renowned production company Radical Media, where he was a music supervisor, as well as a producer on projects such as Jay-Z's feature-length documentary *Fade To Black*.



## **ELI MANNING**

### *INVESTOR*

Drafted first overall in the 2004 NFL Draft, Eli Manning retired from football in January of 2020 after a remarkable 16-season career with the New York Giants. He is a two-time Super Bowl champion and MVP who holds the Giants' franchise records for passing yards, touchdown passes, and completions.

In 2016, Manning won the Walter Payton Man of the Year Award for spearheading Hackensack University Medical Center's "Tackle Kids' Cancer" and other children's health initiatives.

As an owner, Manning will act as a consultant and advisor to boost the club's profile in local, national, and international markets. He will also collaborate with his fellow owners and club leadership on a variety of club initiatives to promote the club and support its players and community.

# FRONT OFFICE

## Acting President

Nan Vogel

## Chief of Staff, Business Operations

Darian Jenkins

## Senior Director, Business Development

Arturo de la Fuente

## Senior Director, Partnership Marketing

Ixzchel Salgado

## Manager, Partnership Marketing

Corinne Counsell

## Director of Game Day Experience

Miguel Zara

## Community Manager

Julianna Collazo

## SVP Ticket Sales and Service

Alexa Fuentes

## Manager, Client Services

Jason Vest

## Group Sales Manager

Cassandra (Cassie) Varvaro

## Account Executive, Member Services

Romeo Lopez

## Sales Account Executive

Patrick Auld

## Sales Account Executive

Ryan Welch

## SVP Marketing

Jonna Valente

## Marketing Coordinator

Ellie Carlson

## Director of Content

Jimena Panduro

## Team Photographer

Devon Cafaro

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# TEAM EXECUTIVES



## **NAN VOGEL**

*ACTING CLUB PRESIDENT*

Nan Vogel serves as Acting President of Gotham FC. In her role, she oversees all divisions of business operations.

Vogel joined Gotham FC as Senior Vice President of Partnerships, In-Game Experience, and Community in September 2022 and was promoted to Acting Club President in February 2023.

Prior to Gotham FC, Vogel spent more than eleven years in a series of leadership roles in the Partnership Marketing and Integrated Media Solutions departments in the league office of Major League Soccer and Soccer United Marketing. Among her many responsibilities at SUM, Vogel most recently oversaw MLS' emerging media partnerships as well as the relationship with the U.S. Soccer Federation and associated partnerships, including presenting partner Volkswagen. She previously led the Marketing Operations team and Concacaf partnership leading up to the 2021 Concacaf Gold Cup.

While at MLS, Vogel also served as the lead on several of the league's top corporate partners as part of her tenure on both the Partnership Marketing and Integrated Media Solutions teams, and worked hand in hand with Consumer Products and Properties to develop the strategy for and launch eMLS - the esports league of MLS.

Prior to her tenure at MLS, Vogel's extensive and wide-ranging previous experiences included positions at The Madison Square Garden Company, NBC Universal, and Little, Brown and Company, among other organizations.

A native of Birmingham, Alabama, Vogel is a graduate of New York University, where she played soccer and majored in International Media and Marketing, with an emphasis on Sports at the Gallatin School of Individualized Study.

Nan and her husband reside in Montclair, N.J., with their two children.

# TEAM EXECUTIVES



## **JONNA VALENTE**

*SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, MARKETING + BRAND*

As Senior Vice President, Marketing + Brand, Jonna Valente leads the Gotham FC marketing division, which includes brand marketing, digital marketing, creative direction, merchandise, and product development.

Valente joined Gotham FC in October 2022 after serving as Vice President of Communications for the Washington Spirit of the NWSL.

In 2018, Valente founded the brand agency Juniper & Berkeley, which was designed to serve professional athletes who desire to make an impact within and beyond sports. The agency provided media strategy, brand development, business venture advising, content development, partnerships, and media licensing support to athletes such as World Cup champion Kelley O'Hara, USWNT star Lynn Williams (both members of the current roster of Gotham FC), Olympian Ali Riley, WNBA star Angel McCoughtry, French Olympian Ysaora Thibus, and NBA All-Star Jaylen Brown, among others.

Prior to her work in the NWSL, Valente's prestigious previous roles include Head of Festival Marketing and Brand Lead at Moog Music, Manager of New Product Community Development at the Washington Post, and in The White House as a member of the Office of Presidential Speechwriting during the first term of President Barack Obama.

Valente began her career under the mentorship of the late Tim Russert, who ignited her desire to seek opportunities that leave a positive impact.

Valente earned a Bachelor of Arts at Wesleyan University and completed her MBA at Duke University's Fuqua School of Business. She is a founding partner of Google's Women to Watch Series and serves on the boards for DC Scores, Black Star Initiative, and the Women's Advisory Board for the Girl Scouts of America. She was also honored as a member of Hashtag Sports inaugural "Creators of Color" and a member of the 2021 Adweek Executive Mentorship program.

# TEAM EXECUTIVES



## ALEXA FUENTES

*SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, TICKET SALES AND SERVICE*

Alexa Fuentes joined Gotham FC as Senior Vice President of Ticket Sales and Service in December 2022. In her role, Fuentes is the architect of the ticket revenue strategy and oversees a team responsible for securing new and return ticket sales as well as Season Ticket Memberships and Founders Club Memberships.

Prior to joining Gotham FC, Fuentes held the position of Vice President of Sales and Service at Elevate Sports Ventures, where she spearheaded the strategic partnership with Circuit of the Americas and led the ticketing, premium sales, and service teams across multiple major events, including: the U.S. Grand Prix of Formula One, Moto GP, and live concerts at the Germania Insurance Amphitheater in Austin, Texas.

Among her previous roles, Fuentes served in two prior leadership positions in soccer. She was Manager of Brand Alliances at Major League Soccer headquarters from 2019-2020, and she spent three years from 2013-2016 on the MLS team at the New York Red Bulls advancing from Account Executive, to Group Sales Inside Sales Supervisor before becoming Group Sales Supervisor. Among her responsibilities and achievements with the Red Bulls, Fuentes developed and implemented group ticket sales initiatives that led to exceeding the organization's goals, and her group sales marketing plans resulted in an overall increase of sales at the club's home matches at Red Bull Arena.

Between tenures at MLS and the Red Bulls, Fuentes spent three years from 2016-2019 at the sports and entertainment experience company Legends, where she arrived as a manager and elevated to roles as a Director and General Manager. During her time with Legends, Fuentes provided strategy and support to the U.S. Tennis Association to increase sales at the U.S. Open of premium inventory, including Luxury suites and the launch of new hospitality areas. She also oversaw sales operations at One World Observatory.

Fuentes earned her Bachelor of Arts degree at Drexel University. She lives in Jersey City with her dog Bogie.



# TEAM EXECUTIVES



## **CHRISTA MANN**

*SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, COMMUNICATIONS*

Christa Mann joined Gotham FC as Senior Vice President, Communications in January 2023. In this role, Mann serves as the club's primary spokesperson and media stakeholder, as she develops and executes the strategic plan to increase the Gotham FC's visibility through media coverage globally, nationally, and in the New York-New Jersey area.

A former professional and collegiate soccer player, Mann's lifelong long passion for the sport has developed into a career. She joined Gotham FC from Major League Soccer, where she spent more than six years in a variety of communications leadership roles at the league office in Manhattan. During her tenure, MLS experienced its most rapid growth period from 20 to 29 clubs and experienced a significant increase in fan engagement and press coverage.

Among her many responsibilities at MLS, Mann served as communications stakeholder for league media partners FOX and CBS, and she provided communications support for MLS Competition, the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion leadership team, and the Professional Referee Organization (PRO). She managed the communications strategies to launch new groundbreaking on-field initiatives, including Video Assistant Referee (VAR) implementation and concussion substitutions, and she facilitated media opportunities while on the ground at the MLS is Back Tournament when the entire league returned to play in a protected environment during the pandemic.

Mann played collegiately at Georgia State University, where she started every match of her college career, before embarking on a professional playing career in the Icelandic Women's Premier League (Landsbankindeild) in 2008. With Afturelding FC, Mann became the first female foreign athlete to garner the club's Player of the Year honors.

Following her stint in Iceland, Mann became a broadcast analyst for regional and national coverage of college women's soccer before finding her passion on the communications side as Manager of Media Relations for the Atlanta Beat of Women's Professional Soccer (WPS).

Prior to joining Gotham FC, her previous experiences in addition to MLS and WPS include two years with the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee - where, among many roles, Mann managed non-rights media at USA House during the London 2012 Olympic Games - and positions with USA Track & Field, the Atlanta Falcons, and Turner Sports.

An English and conversational Spanish speaker, Mann earned her BA in Journalism at Georgia State and a Master of Sports Administration at Ohio University, along with several business and management certifications from McKinsey and Company.

Mann is a member of the National Association of Black Journalists, where she serves on the executive board of the Sports Task Force as Vice President of Communications & External Affairs. She also serves on the Board of Visitors for the Georgia State University College of Arts & Sciences.

# TEAM EXECUTIVES



## **DARIAN JENKINS**

*CHIEF OF STAFF*

Darian Jenkins joined Gotham FC as Chief of Staff in February 2023 after a distinguished playing career in the National Women's Soccer League and overseas.

While competing in the NWSL, Jenkins was actively preparing for a career off the field, which led to positions in the social media marketing department at the NWSL, as a coach at the Reign FC Academy and Harvard-Westlake School, and for Rise Management - a Los Angeles-based literary management company serving clients across film, television, comedy, and sports media.

Prior to joining Gotham FC, Jenkins also participated in an immersive program with the Fortune 100 insurance company Nationwide, in partnership with the NWSL, and she was involved with Voice in Sport (VIS) - a New York-based sports and advocacy company that inspires girls and young women in sports through a member-only platform connecting them to experts and pro athletes.

Jenkins began her professional playing career in 2017, when she was selected with the seventh overall pick in the NWSL Draft by the North Carolina Courage. Over her six seasons in the league with North Carolina, Kansas City, OL Reign, and Orlando, Jenkins scored 11 goals and added three assists in 83 her appearances. She competed for Melbourne Victory in Australia and FC Girondins de Bordeaux in France.

During her collegiate career at UCLA, Jenkins was an invaluable part of the NCAA championship winning team in 2013. She led UCLA in scoring in her freshman year and earned All-Pac 12 honors in three of her four seasons. Jenkins also appeared for the U.S. at the U-17, U-18 and U-23 levels.

# CREST & COLORS



Outline Crest



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The crest contains several elements that celebrate the club's growth and past. It prominently features the Statue of Liberty's iconic crown sitting atop the crest. A national monument, the Lady in the Harbor was voted the most recognizable symbol of New Jersey and New York by fans. Her crown represents Gotham FC's ambitions to be an international club and provides a welcoming symbol for the team's diverse fanbase.

The crest center proudly displays three letters in sky blue coloring - an "N" and a hybrid "J/Y", which acknowledges New Jersey as the club's birthplace while embracing the club's growing New York reach.

The official colors of the club are Sky Blue, Gotham Black, and Cloud White. The colors represent the team's history and prior identity, the club's new identity, and the longstanding foundation of the club's supporters group, Cloud 9.

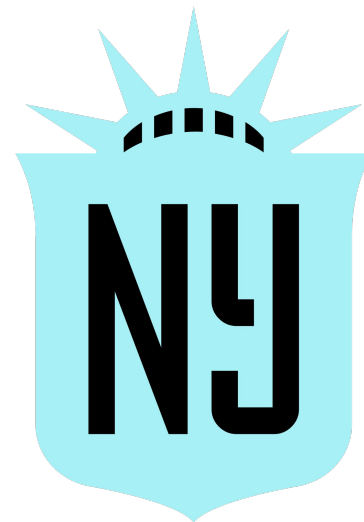
# CREST & COLORS



Primary



Black and White



Inverted

## SKY BLUE

#A9F1FD

RGB: 169/241/245

CMYK: 29/0/8/0

PMS: 304C

## GOTHAM BLACK

#000000

RGB: 255/255/255

CMYK: 100/100/100/100

PMS: BLACK

## CLOUD WHITE

#FFFFFF

RGB: 0/0/0

CMYK: 0/0/0/0

PMS: WHITE

# TECHNICAL STAFF

## General Manager

Yael Averbuch West

## Assistant General Manager

Nathan Goldberg Crenier

## Head Coach

Juan Carlos Amoros Lopez

## Head of Tactical Analysis

Jesus Manuel Botello  
Hermosa

## Assistant Coach

Shaun Harris

## Assistant Coach

Akash (Ak) Lakhani

## Assistant Coach and Head Reserves Coach

Jennifer Lalor

## Goalkeeper Coach

Brody Sams

## Strength and Conditioning Coach

Adrián Benítez Jiménez

## Head of Medical, Physical Therapist

Erin Morton

## Head Athletic Trainer

Summer Jones

## Assistant Athletic Trainer

Lindsey Honkomp

## Head Sports Scientist

Phil Congleton

## Equipment Manager

Tiana Jensen

## Assistant Equipment Manager

Madison (Maddie) Holmberg

## Head of Player Experience

Kori Washington

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# TECHNICAL STAFF



## Yael AVERBUCH WEST

*GENERAL MANAGER AND HEAD OF SOCCER OPERATIONS*

An accomplished business leader and former member of the U.S. National Team and standout collegiate and professional player, Yael Averbuch was named interim General Manager and Head of Soccer Operations of Gotham FC in August, 2021 and officially took over the position four months later.

Born in New York City and raised in Montclair, N.J., Averbuch developed as a player in youth programs in her home state before reaching the first of her two goals in the game: play for the University of North Carolina.

In her time at UNC, the Tar Heels won national championships in 2006 and 2008. Averbuch set the school record by starting 105 consecutive games, and she scored the fastest goal to begin a game in women's college soccer history (four seconds, against Yale in 2006). Among several honors during her collegiate career, Averbuch was named ACC Offensive Player of the Year in 2006, ACC Scholar-Athlete of the Year for women's soccer in 2007, and was voted First Team All-America three times by the NSCAA coaches. Averbuch received the ultimate honor when North Carolina retired her No. 17 after her senior year.

Averbuch achieved her other childhood dream by earning 26 caps as a member of the U.S. National Team between 2007 - 2013. When she took the helm at Gotham FC in 2021, Averbuch became the first former women's national team player to be named general manager of an NWSL club.

Averbuch was selected by Sky Blue FC with the fourth overall pick in the 2009 WPS Draft and went on to help lead the club to the league championship that year. She won another WPS title with the Western NY Flash in 2011.

After two years playing in Russia and Sweden - which included competing in the UEFA Women's Champions League in 2012 - Averbuch played in the NWSL for five years between 2014 - 2018. This included an NWSL championship in 2015 during her three seasons with FC Kansas City, and one season each with the Washington Spirit and Seattle Reign.

While still playing in the NWSL, Averbuch began her career as an entrepreneur and business leader. In 2016, she launched Techne Futbol - an innovative app providing personal training for soccer players of all ages, experience and skill levels - and remains owner of the business today. In 2017, she founded the NWSL Players Association and served as the organization's first president and, later, its first executive director.

Now that she has come full circle as GM and Head of Soccer Operations for NJ/NY Gotham FC, Averbuch has returned to Montclair, where she lives with her husband and two children.

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## **JUAN CARLOS AMORÓS**

*HEAD COACH*

Juan Carlos Amorós was named Gotham FC head coach on November 1, 2022. The 38-year-old Amorós, who last season led the Houston Dash as their interim head coach to a fourth-place finish and the team's first-ever NWSL playoff appearance, has been signed by Gotham FC to a three-year contract.

Amorós brings a wealth of experience across global soccer to Gotham FC, having served as a head coach of clubs in the top leagues in Spain, England, and the U.S. Prior to his stint in Houston, Amorós was coach of Real Betis Féminas from 2021 - 22 and led them to a club-record unbeaten streak in Spain's top division.

Before Real Betis, Amorós enjoyed enormous success as a coach in England. Over five years, he helped lead Tottenham Hotspur FC Women from the third tier in England to the FA Women's Super League. In 2019, Tottenham was promoted to the Super League after finishing second in the second-division FA Women's Championship League. He earned Manager of the Year honors that season, and won the same honor while coaching Tottenham Hotspur in the third-division FA Women's National League.

In the 2022 NWSL season, Amorós began his tenure as interim head coach of the Houston Dash on July 16 with a 4-1 win over Chicago. He led Houston to a 6-3-2 record as the club earned the first playoff berth in its nine-year history.

Amorós holds a UEFA PRO license - the highest-level UEFA license attainable - and received a diploma in Football Management from the League Managers Association Institute of Leadership and High Performance. He has also participated in elite coaching courses with the Royal Spanish Football Federation, and in 2018 earned a Master of Business Administration from Autonomous University of Madrid.

# TECHNICAL STAFF



## JEN LALOR

*ASSISTANT COACH*

Jen Lalor joined Gotham FC in 2023. In addition to her duties as assistant coach, Lalor also will play an integral role for Gotham FC with the club's player development pipeline. Lalor won the bronze medal with the USWNT at the FIFA Women's World Cup in 1995 and played professionally in Japan, Denmark and Sweden. She also played in the first women's professional league in the U.S. (Women's United Soccer Association) with the New York Power and San Diego Spirit. At Santa Clara University, Lalor was the first women's soccer player in school history to earn a full athletic scholarship and was later inducted into the SCU Athletic Hall of Fame. Lalor has worked extensively at U.S. Soccer in the youth national team system as a coach, scout, technical advisor, and club development manager. As a head coach, she has led two teams to national championships: San Diego SeaLions of the WPSL in 2013, and Albion SC San Diego U16 in 2022.



## SHAUN HARRIS

*ASSISTANT COACH*

Prior to joining the staff of Gotham FC in 2023, Shaun Harris spent the last twelve seasons with Tottenham Hotspur, including years when Amorós was Head Coach of the women's team. As a senior member of the staff within the club's Global Football Development team, he traveled around the world to deliver coaching education and player development programs and help implement coaching curriculums within national football associations. More recently, as lead technical coach, Harris played an integral role in helping Tottenham Hotspur Women reach fifth place in the table in 2021-22, their highest-ever finish in the Women's Super League.



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## AK LAKHANI

*ASSISTANT COACH*

Ak Lakhani joined Gotham FC in 2023 from the Jamaican Football Federation, where he was the head of United Kingdom recruitment for the Women's U17, U20 and Senior Women's national team. He is also the assistant coach of the Jamaican Women's National Team that will compete in the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup, and was assistant coach when the team won the bronze medal at the 2022 Concacaf Women's Championship in Mexico. Lakhani was part of Amorós' coaching staff during his successful tenure at Tottenham Hotspur Women's FC when the club earned back-to-back promotions. He has also worked at Tottenham Hotspur Academy and Leyton Orient Academy, and he was one of 150 coaches in the UK to be awarded a Medal from Prince William for "Outstanding Contribution to Football."



## ADRIÁN BENÍTEZ JIMÉNEZ

*STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING COACH*

Prior to joining Gotham FC in 2023, Adrián Benitez Jiménez was Head of Performance for Real Betis in Spain's First Division women's league (Liga F) - where he worked with Amorós, a former head coach of Real Betis - and as rehabilitation coach at Real Betis Academy. Among his previous roles, Jiménez was a fitness coach and Academy strength and conditioning coach at Córdoba FC and Marcet Football Academy, and he has also worked with Girona, Real Betis' men's team, Atlético de Madrid Academy, the Argentinian Men's National Team, Basel FC, Granada FC, RCD Mallorca, and Cádiz FC.

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## JESÚS BOTELLO HERMOSA

*HEAD OF TACTICAL ANALYSIS*

Jesús Botello Hermosa joined Gotham FC in 2023 after previously serving as an assistant coach with Real Betis, where his focus was on tactical analysis and designing of game strategies. It was during his time with Real Betis that he worked with Amorós as the club became a competitive force in LIGA F. Botello Hermosa has also served as head of tactical analysis for CD Ronda in Spain, was co-founder and a professor of Sports Management and Sports Scouting at the Royal Football Federation, and was a professor in High Performance in football as well as a coach educator for the Royal Spanish Federation. Botello Hermosa has worked in the broadcasting industry as a La Liga analyst for Mass Media and Real Betis TV, and he is an author of books on tactical analysis.



## PHILLIP CONGLETON

*HEAD OF SPORTS SCIENCE*

Phillip Congleton has been with Gotham FC since 2020. Prior to joining the club, Congleton served as High Performance Coach for the women's soccer team at James Madison University while earning his Master of Science in Exercise Physiology. His duties included interpreting health analytics and video analysis to monitor players' physical performance during games and training sessions. Congleton used this data to implement training, return-to-play, injury prevention and recovery protocols designed to enhance player performance. He was also a Strength and Conditioning Coach for Mary Baldwin University Women's Soccer Team in 2017.

Congleton received his Bachelor of Science Integrative Biology in 2014 from Christopher Newport University. He holds a USSF D Coaching License and is recognized by the National Strength and Conditioning Association as a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist.

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## **BRODY SAMS**

*GOALKEEPER COACH*

Brody Sams joined Gotham FC as Goalkeeper Coach in Feb 2022. In this role, Sams works closely with goalkeepers Michelle Betos, Hensley Hancuff, Mandy Haught, and Abby Smith.

Prior to working in the U.S., the Australian native spent nine years coaching across all levels in Australia, primarily with the professional club Brisbane Roar. Sams has worked in both the women's and men's game, from the youth to senior levels.



## **ERIN MORTON**

*HEAD OF MEDICAL / PHYSICAL THERAPIST*

Erin Morton, PT, DPT, Cert. DN, EMT joined Gotham FC in February 2022. A native of Connecticut, Morton returns to the Northeast after several stops on the west coast and the state of Georgia.

Morton spent one year as the Director of Sports Performance at the Millsaps Training Facility in Cairo, Georgia. Prior to that, she worked for PRISM Physical Therapy in Las Vegas after completing a clinical rotation at the UFC Performance Institute where she rehabbed UFC fighters, WNBA players, and Olympians. She also completed clinical rotations on Oahu, where she rehabbed elite college and high school athletes and military personnel, and in Salt Lake City where she gained experience working in an interdisciplinary team of healthcare professionals.

Morton received her Emergency Medical Technician certification during her junior year of high school and went on to earn a Bachelor's degree in Health Sciences in three years from Quinnipiac University where she played NCAA Division I golf. She relocated to San Diego county to attend University of St. Augustine's Doctor of Physical Therapy program where she graduated with High Honors.

# ROSTER

## NUMERICAL

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	DOB	HOMETOWN	COLLEGE
1	Michelle Betos	GK	5'8"	Feb 20, 1988	Flushing, NY	University of Georgia
2	Imani Dorsey	D	5'4"	Mar 21, 1996	Elkridge, MD	Duke University
3	Bruninha	D	5'3"	Jun 16, 2002	Castro, Paraná	N/A
4	Abby Smith	GK	5'9"	Oct 4, 1993	Plano, TX	University of Texas
5	Kelley O'Hara	D	5'5"	Aug 4, 1988	Fayetteville, GA	Stanford
6	Allie Long	M	5'8"	Aug 13, 1987	Northport, NY	University of North Carolina
7	McCall Zerboni	M	5'4"	Dec 13, 1986	San Clemente, CA	UCLA
8	Taryn Torres	M	5'6"	Apr 23, 1999	Frisco, TX	University of Virginia
9	Nahomi Kawasumi	M	5'2"	Sep 23, 1985	Yamato-Kanagawa	Nippon Sport Science University
10	Lynn Williams	F	5'7"	May 21, 1993	Fresno, CA	Pepperdine University
11	Ali Krieger	D	5'6"	Jul 28, 1984	Dumfries, VA	Penn State University
12	Kristen Edmonds	D	5'5"	May 22, 1987	Metuchen, NJ	Rutgers University
14	Nealy Martin	D	5'7"	Apr 22, 1998	Birmingham, AL	The University of Alabama
15	Sabrina Flores	D	5'3"	Jan 31, 1996	Livingston, NJ	University of Notre Dame
16	Svava Rós Guðmundsdóttir	F	5'9"	Nov 11, 1995	Reykjavík, Iceland	N/A
17	Delanie Sheehan	M	5'6"	Jan 13, 1999	Brentwood, CA	UCLA
18	Yazmeen Ryan	M	5'6"	Feb 25, 1999	Norman, OK	Texas Christian University
19	Kristie Mewis	M	5'7"	Feb 25, 1991	Hanson, MA	Boston College
20	Taylor Smith	D	5'3"	Dec 1, 1993	Fort Worth, TX	UCLA
21	Ellie Jean	D	5'6"	Jan 31, 1997	Coventry, CT	Penn State University
22	Mandy Freeman	D	5'5"	Mar 23, 1995	Royal Palm Beach, FL	University of Southern California
23	Margaret Purce	F	5'4"	Sep 18, 1995	Silver Spring, MD	Harvard University
24	Mandy Haught	GK	5'9"	Nov 3, 1998	Jacksonville, FL	Virginia Tech
25	Ifeoma Onumonu	F	5'10"	Feb 25, 1994	Rancho Cucamonga, CA	University of California-Berkeley
32	Jenna Nighswonger	F	5'3"	Nov 28, 2000	Huntington Beach, CA	Florida State University
51	Hensley Hancuff	GK	6'3"	Aug 3, 2000	Edmond, OK	Clemson University
99	Victoria Pickett	M	5'6"	Aug 12, 1996	Newmarket, Ontario	University of Wisconsin

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# ROSTER

## ALPHABETICAL

NO.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POS.	HT.	DOB	HOMETOWN	COLLEGE
3		Bruninha	D	5'3"	Jun 16, 2002	Castro, Paraná	N/A
1	Betos	Michelle	GK	5'8"	Feb 20, 1988	Flushing, NY	University of Georgia
2	Dorsey	Imani	D	5'4"	Mar 21, 1996	Elkridge, MD	Duke University
12	Edmonds	Kristen	D	5'5"	May 22, 1987	Metuchen, NJ	Rutgers University
15	Flores	Sabrina	D	5'3"	Jan 31, 1996	Livingston, NJ	University of Notre Dame
22	Freeman	Mandy	D	5'5"	Mar 23, 1995	Royal Palm Beach, FL	University of Southern California
51	Hancuff	Hensley	GK	6'3"	Aug 3, 2000	Edmond, OK	Clemson University
24	Haught	Mandy	GK	5'9"	Nov 3, 1998	Jacksonville, FL	Virginia Tech
21	Jean	Ellie	D	5'6"	Jan 31, 1997	Coventry, CT	Penn State University
9	Kawasumi	Nahomi	M	5'2"	Sep 23, 1985	Yamato-Kanagawa	Nippon Sport Science University
11	Krieger	Ali	D	5'6"	Jul 28, 1984	Dumfries, VA	Penn State University
6	Long	Allie	M	5'8"	Aug 13, 1987	Northport, NY	University of North Carolina
14	Martin	Nealy	D	5'7"	Apr 22, 1998	Birmingham, AL	The University of Alabama
19	Mewis	Kristie	M	5'7"	Feb 25, 1991	Hanson, MA	Boston College
32	Nighswonger	Jenna	F	5'3"	Nov 28, 2000	Huntington Beach, CA	Florida State University
5	O'Hara	Kelley	D	5'5"	Aug 4, 1988	Fayetteville, GA	Stanford
25	Onumonu	Ifeoma	F	5'10"	Feb 25, 1994	Rancho Cucamonga, CA	University of California-Berkeley
99	Pickett	Victoria	M	5'6"	Aug 12, 1996	Newmarket, Ontario	University of Wisconsin
23	Purce	Margaret	F	5'4"	Sep 18, 1995	Silver Spring, MD	Harvard University
16	Rós Guðmundsdóttir	Svava	F	5'9"	Nov 11, 1995	Reykjavik, Iceland	N/A
18	Ryan	Yazmeen	M	5'6"	Feb 25, 1999	Norman, OK	Texas Christian University
17	Sheehan	Delanie	M	5'6"	Jan 13, 1999	Brentwood, CA	UCLA
4	Smith	Abby	GK	5'9"	Oct 4, 1993	Plano, TX	University of Texas
20	Smith	Taylor	D	5'3"	Dec 1, 1993	Fort Worth, TX	UCLA
8	Torres	Taryn	M	5'6"	Apr 23, 1999	Frisco, TX	University of Virginia
10	Williams	Lynn	F	5'7"	May 21, 1993	Fresno, CA	Pepperdine University
7	McCall Zerboni		M	5'4"	Dec 13, 1986	San Clemente, CA	UCLA

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# MICHELLE BETOS

## Pronunciation

**Position:** Goalkeeper

**Height:** 5'8"

**Jersey Number:** 1

**Date of Birth:** February 20, 1988

**Age:** 35

**Hometown:** Flushing, NY

**Country:** USA

**College:** University of Georgia

**How Acquired:** Signed two-year contract (January 11, 2022)

**Pronouns:** she / her / hers

## PROFESSIONAL

**2022:** Betos signed with Gotham FC in January 2022, and went on to start in all 14 of the matches she appeared in, making 60 saves throughout the season. **2021:** Betos wore the captain's armband in Racing Louisville FC's inaugural season where she appeared in 20 matches, logged a league-leading 95 saves and a 4-11-5 record. Betos earned NWSL Save of the Week honors twice, was named NWSL Player of the Week and was recognized on Team of the Month as well. She registered a season-high of 11 saves and earned a shutout in the club's first-ever win. **2018-20:** Betos appeared in 12 matches with OL Reign before being selected by Racing Louisville FC in the 2020 NWSL Expansion Draft. **2015-16:** In first full season with Portland, she had a standout campaign starting 14 matches. She became the first goalkeeper to score a goal in the NWSL and went on to earn the 2015 NWSL Goalkeeper of the Year honors. **2014:** Betos was traded to Portland Thorns FC in exchange for the thirty-fourth pick in the 2014 NWSL College Draft. **2013:** She made seven appearances with Seattle Reign FC before being traded to Portland in 2014. **2012:** Betos signed with the New York Fury in the Women's Premier Soccer League Elite for the 2012 season. She went on to sign with Apollon Limassol in the UEFA Women's Champions League for the 2012-2013 season. She made five appearances for the team, totaling 450 minutes. **2011:** Betos signed with Boston Aztec, a part of the Women's Premier Soccer League. **2010:** Betos signed with Club Atlético River Plate Women for their 2010 season. **2009:** Betos began her professional career with Atlanta Silverbacks in the W-League and was the 2009 W-League Goalkeeper of the Year.

## COLLEGE

Betos played for the University of Georgia from 2006-09. She had 49 wins, which is still tied for the most in school history. She ended her collegiate career with 316 saves and 26 shutouts, ranking her third all-time for saves and second in shutouts at Georgia. She was named the team's Defensive Most Valuable Player and named to the SEC All-Freshman Team.

# #1 GOALKEEPER



HENSLEY

# HANCUFF

**Position:** Goalkeeper

**Height:** 6'3"

**Jersey Number:** 51

**Date of Birth:** August 3, 2000

**Age:** 22

**Hometown:** Edmond, Oklahoma

**Country:** USA

**College:** Clemson University

**How Acquired:** No. 34 pick in 2022 NWSL College Draft

**Pronouns:** she / her / hers

## PROFESSIONAL

**2022-23:** Hancuff joined Brisbane Roar on loan for the 2022-23 Liberty A-League season in Australia.

## COLLEGE

Hancuff played for Villanova from 2018-19 before transferring to Clemson for their 2020 and 2021 seasons. Hancuff went a combined 29-13-4 during her collegiate career with 10 shutouts. She was named third team All-ACC in 2021 and led ACC in save percentage in fall 2020 and spring 2021. She was also ranked Number 6 in NCAA with .884 save percentage in fall of 2020. In 2018 Hancuff was named to the 2018 All-BIG EAST Freshman Team.

## INTERNATIONAL

In February 2023, Hancuff was called up to the U.S. U-23 National Team to compete in games against France. Hancuff also has played for the U.S. U-19, U-16, U-17, U-18 and U-20 squads.

# #51 GOALKEEPER



MANDY

# HAUGHT

**Position:** Goalkeeper

**Height:** 5'9"

**Jersey Number:** 24

**Date of Birth:** November 3, 1998

**Age:** 24

**Hometown:** Jacksonville, Florida

**Country:** USA

**College:** Virginia Tech

**How Acquired:** Signed two-year contract (January 6, 2023)

**Pronouns:** she / her / hers

## PROFESSIONAL

**2022:** Haught spent the 2022 season in Sweden's top league (Damallsvenskan), where she was named Norbotten's Female Player of the Year after starting every game, recording seven shutouts, and becoming one of only three players in the league to play every single minute. **2021:** Haught appeared in a 1-1 draw at home against Kansas City in the 2021 season with Sky Blue FC. **2020:** Haught was signed by Sky Blue FC after being their 20th overall pick in the 2020 NWSL draft.

## COLLEGE

Haught played at Virginia Tech from 2016-19 and was ranked the Number 1 goalkeeper during all four of those seasons. She started 75 matches and went 41-23-11 with a .989 goals against average throughout her collegiate career. She was named All-ACC First Team goalkeeper twice as well as a second-team All American.

## INTERNATIONAL

Haught has represented the United States as a member of the United States U-18 and U-20 national team squads.

# #24 GOALKEEPER





# ABBY SMITH

## Pronunciation

**Position:** Goalkeeper

**Height:** 5'9"

**Jersey Number:** 4

**Date of Birth:** October 4, 1993

**Age:** 29

**Hometown:** Plano, Texas

**Country:** USA

**College:** University of Texas

**How Acquired:** Signed three-year contract (November 28, 2022)

**Pronouns:** she / her / hers

## PROFESSIONAL

**2022:** Smith was a member of the NWSL championship team, the Portland Thorns. She earned her first regular season start with the Thorns against North Carolina on Aug. 24, 2022. Made her Thorns FC debut, logging seven saves and a shutout against San Diego on March 26. **2021:** Smith helped KC Current win their first match and recorded a shutout against OL Reign. She appeared in six matches and made six starts for KC Current. Smith was traded to Portland Thorns in August 2021, making her a 2021 Women's International Cup Champion, and a 2021 NWSL Shield recipient. **2019:** Smith joined Western Sydney Wanderers FC in Australia on loan from Utah for the 2019-2020 Westfield W-League season. She made nine appearances with the team. **2018:** Acquired by Utah Royals FC in the NWSL Dispersal Draft where she started in 17 matches and played a total of 1,512 minutes. Smith registered six shutouts and caught 31 saves with a 1.0 goals against average. She was selected for NWSL Team of the Month in May. **2017:** After returning from injury, Smith appeared in 19 matches with the Boston Breakers and finished fifth in the league for saves per shot (73%), recording 86 saves. **2016:** Smith was selected in the third round of 2016 NWSL College Draft by the Boston Breakers. She appeared in two matches before suffering a season-ending knee injury.

## COLLEGE

Smith played at the University of Texas from 2012-15. Here, she made 60 appearances and scored three goals. She set a record for a Texas rookie with the lowest goals-against average at 0.63 and tied the school record for shutouts by a freshman with seven during her first year. She tied the school record for the most shutouts in a single season with nine. She ranked first in the Big 12 Conference for 0.92 goals-against average and 98 saves during her junior year and again in her senior year for total saves with 96 and saves-per-match with 5.33. She was named Big 12 Conference Defensive Player of the Week, ESPNW Player of the Week and the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week twice. Her 30th career shutout set a new school career shutout record.

## INTERNATIONAL

Smith has represented the United States on the U-17, U-20, U-23 and senior national teams. In 2017, she was called up to the U.S. National Team for friendlies against Sweden and Norway.

# #4 GOALKEEPER



BRUNA SANTOS NHAIA

# BRUNINHA

**Pronunciation:** brew-NEEN-yuh

**Position:** Defender

**Height:** 5'3"

**Jersey Number:** 3

**Date of Birth:** June 16, 2002

**Age:** 20

**Hometown:** Castro, Paraná

**Country:** Brazil

**College:** N/A

**How Acquired:** Signed contract through 2023 season (August 23, 2022)

**Pronouns:** she / her / hers

## PROFESSIONAL

**2021-22:** Bruninha appeared in 24 matches with Santos Futebol Clube where she scored one goal and won the "Bola de Prata" (Silver Ball). Her rights transferred to Gotham FC in August 2022. She made her NWSL debut for 25 minutes during the final match of the season (October 1) against Portland Thorns. **2020:** She appeared in six matches with Sport Club Internacional, scoring one goal.

## INTERNATIONAL

**2023:** Bruninha has made a total of three appearances thus far with the Brazil Women's National Team, two of which were during the 2023 SheBelieves Cup, where she had one assist. **2022:** More recently, Bruninha became the Campeonato Sudamericano Femenino Sub-20 champion 2022 (South American Under-20 Women's Football Champion). Brazil won all of their tournament matches without conceding a goal. **2019:** Bruninha represented the Brazil Women's Youth National Team at the U-20 levels and captained her country at the U-20 World Cup. She made 15 appearances this season, scoring one goal. **2018:** Bruninha represented the Brazil Women's Youth National Team at the U-17 level, making three appearances.

# #3 DEFENDER



# IMANI DORSEY

## Pronunciation

**Position:** Defender

**Height:** 5'4"

**Jersey Number:** 2

**Date of Birth:** March 21, 1996

**Age:** 26

**Hometown:** Elkridge, Maryland

**Country:** USA

**College:** Duke University

**How acquired:** No. 5 overall pick in the 2018 NWSL College Draft

**Pronouns:** she / her / hers

## PROFESSIONAL

**2022:** Dorsey appeared in 21 matches and had one assist during the 2022 regular season. She started in all five matches that she appeared in during the 2022 NWSL Challenge Cup. **2021:** She made 21 appearances, including 19 starts throughout the season. Dorsey also had two assists. **2020:** During the 2020 season she made eight appearances, with an 88% passing success rate. **2019:** She scored two goals in her 23 appearances this season. **2018:** Dorsey was drafted by Sky Blue FC as the 5th overall pick in the 2018 NWSL College Draft. She was named the 2018 NWSL Rookie of the Year with four goals, one assist in 13 appearances.

## COLLEGE

Dorsey played for Duke University from 2014-17. She started in 47 out of the 48 matches she appeared in. She scored 21 goals and had 17 assists throughout her collegiate career. Dorsey placed in Duke Women's Soccer record books by finishing tied for fourth in goals (60), placing fifth in shot percentage (.152), sixth in points (171), tied for sixth in assists (51) and ninth in shots (396). She was named 2017 ACC Offensive Player of the Year, the second player in school history to earn the honor. She was also named to the All-ACC First Team, to the United Soccer Coaches First Team All-America, she was a National Scholar Athlete of the Year, a First Team Scholar All-American, a Two-time CoSIDA Academic All-America Second Team, a MAC Hermann Trophy semifinalist in 2017, and a Nominee for the soccer Honda Award as a senior.

## INTERNATIONAL

**2021:** Dorsey was voted the winner of U.S. Soccer's first One Nation. Social Impact Award for her work with the Black Women's Player Collective (BWPC). **2019:** She earned her first Senior call up for USWNT. **2018:** Dorsey participated in the 2018 Women's U-23 Nordic Tournament. Prior to this, she had represented the United States on the U-17, U-19, U-23 National Teams.

#2 DEFENDER



# KRISTEN EDMONDS

## Pronunciation

**Position:** Defender

**Height:** 5'5"

**Jersey Number:** 12

**Date of Birth:** May 22, 1987

**Age:** 35

**Hometown:** Metuchen, NJ

**Country:** USA

**College:** Rutgers University

**How acquired:** Signed two-year contract as free agent (December 1, 2022)

**Pronouns:** she / her / hers

## PROFESSIONAL

**2021-22:** Edmonds was traded to Kansas City Current in 2021. During her first season with the team, Edmonds led the team in starts (21) and minutes played (1,721) and served as captain for six matches. Edmonds started 44 matches over the last two seasons for Kansas City, including all three playoff matches in the Current's run to the NWSL Final in 2022. **2016-20:** Edmonds played five seasons with the Orlando Pride. She scored 10 goals in her 72 appearances. During her first season with the club, she led Orlando in both scoring and assists, with six goals and two assists. She was also named NWSL Player of the Week during her first season in Orlando. **2014-15:** Edmonds started her NWSL career with the Western New York Flash, making 29 starts in 31 appearances over two seasons. **2012-13:** She played for WFC Rosiyanka of the Russian Premier League, competing with the club in the UEFA Women's Champions League. **2011:** Edmonds began her professional career in Iceland, leading Stjarnin to the league title and the Icelandic Women's Cup Championship in 2011.

## COLLEGE

Edmonds played for Rutgers University from 2005-08. In her freshman year, she became the first rookie to lead the Rutgers Scarlet Knights in scoring since Carli Lloyd, with six goals and six assists. She was named to the SoccerBuzz All-Region Freshman First Team. As a senior, she started all 22 matches, scoring five goals and adding six assists.

## INTERNATIONAL

**2016:** Edmonds was called up to United States women's national soccer team training camp.

#12 DEFENDER



# SABRINA FLORES

## Pronunciation

**Position:** Defender

**Height:** 5'3"

**Jersey Number:** 15

**Date of Birth:** January 31, 1996

**Age:** 27

**Hometown:** Livingston, NJ

**Country:** Mexico

**College:** University of Notre Dame

**How acquired:** Signed two-year contract (June 2020); previously signed a National Team Replacement Contract in 2019

**Pronouns:** she / her / hers

## PROFESSIONAL

**2022:** Flores saw action in one match during the 2022 season. **2021:** Flores saw action in five matches, including three starts during the regular season. She made three appearances during the 2021 NWSL Challenge Cup. **2020:** Flores had a 76.4% passing success rate in her six appearances for 2020 NWSL Challenge Cup. She had a 86% passing success rate in her four appearances during the regular season. **2019-2020:** Flores was signed by Spain's Sevilla FC Femenino and made 11 appearances with the team. **2019:** Flores was signed by Sky Blue FC on a National Team Replacement Contract. She created a 74% passing success rate in her four appearances with the club. **2018:** Flores was signed by LA Galaxy OC in UWS. She had five assists in her eight appearances and was named as an All-UWS honoree.

## COLLEGE

Flores played for Notre Dame from 2014-18. During her last year with the team, she totaled one goal and five assists in 18 appearances. She was named to the Google Cloud Academic All-District Second Team, to the ACC All-Freshman Team, to the Top-Drawer Soccer Best XI Freshmen Second Team and is a Two-time All-ACC Honor Roll recipient.

## INTERNATIONAL

Flores has represented both the United States and Mexico Women's National Teams. Flores was called to Mexico Women's National Team Camp in 2018. She was a member of the USWNT U-20 squad for the 2016 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup and for the 2015 CONCACAF Women's U-20.

# #15 DEFENDER



MANDY

# FREEMAN

## Pronunciation

**Position:** Defender

**Height:** 5'5"

**Jersey Number:** 22

**Date of Birth:** March 23, 1995

**Age:** 27

**Hometown:** Royal Palm Beach, Florida

**Country:** USA

**College:** University of Southern California

**How acquired:** 10th overall pick, 2017 NWSL Draft; signed new two-year contract in November 2022

**Pronouns:** she / her / hers

## PROFESSIONAL

**2022:** Freeman appeared in 17 matches with 16 starts during the 2022 season. **2021:** Throughout the regular season she played in 11 matches, making eight starts. During these matches she posted 31 clearances and had an 85.7% passing rate. Throughout her four appearances in the 2021 NWSL Challenge Cup she totaled 20 clearances, five blocks, and four interceptions. **2020:** Freeman created nine clearances, three blocks and three interceptions in her four appearances for the 2020 NWSL Fall Series. **2019:** Freeman made no appearances this season due to injury. **2018:** Throughout her 21 appearances Freeman totaled 65 clearances, 15 blocks and 40 interceptions. **2017:** Freeman was selected Number 10 overall pick in 2017 NWSL College Draft. She made her NWSL debut this season with 21 appearances. During these matches she made one assist, had 71 clearances, 14 blocks and 42 interceptions.

## COLLEGE

Freeman played for University of Southern California from 2013-16. She made 69 appearances, with 67 starts, scoring two goals and adding nine assists. In 2016 she was a NCAA Champion and named Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year. Freeman was also named to the 2015 NSCAA All-Pacific Region Second Team and was a Three-time Pac-12 selection.

## INTERNATIONAL

Freeman represented the United States on the U-23, U-20, and U-17 Women's National Teams. She was a member of the U-17 World Cup Qualifying team.

# #22 DEFENDER



# ELLIE JEAN

## Pronunciation

**Position:** Defender

**Height:** 5'6"

**Jersey Number:** 21

**Date of Birth:** January 31, 1997

**Age:** 25

**Hometown:** Coventry, Connecticut

**Country:** USA

**College:** Penn State University

**How acquired:** Signed to one-year contract with a one-year option (January 2022)

**Pronouns:** she / her / hers

## PROFESSIONAL

**2022:** Jean played in 17 matches with five starts in the 2022 season. **2020-21:** She appeared in 22 Women's Eredivisie matches and four UEFA Women's Champions League matches for PSV Eindhoven, one of the largest clubs in the Netherlands, during the 2020 and 2021 seasons.

## COLLEGE

Jean played at Penn State University from 2015-18. She played in 100 games, with one goal and eight assists. She won the 2015 NCAA Championship and was selected to the Big Ten All-Tournament Team in 2018.

## INTERNATIONAL

Jean featured for the United States Women's National Team at the U-23, U-20, and U-17 levels. She started all six matches for the U.S. U-20 Women's National Team at the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup and captained the U-17 team at the 2013 CONCACAF Women's U-17 Championship.

# #21 DEFENDER



ALI

# KRIEGER

## Pronunciation

**Position:** Defender

**Height:** 5'6"

**Jersey Number:** 11

**Date of Birth:** July 28, 1984

**Age:** 38

**Hometown:** Dumfries, Virginia

**Country:** USA

**College:** Penn State University

**How acquired:** Trade with Orlando Pride (December 2021)

**Pronouns:** she / her / hers

## PROFESSIONAL

**2022:** Krieger played in 18 matches with 17 starts in the 2022 season with Gotham FC. **2021:** Krieger saw action in 23 matches with Orlando Pride. **2020:** Throughout the 2020 fall series, Krieger played every minute with Orlando. **2019:** She appeared in 12 matches, playing every minute of each match she appeared in. She was named to the 2019 NWSL Best XI. **2018:** Krieger started and played in 19 matches, recording two assists. She registered her 100th NWSL appearance match on July 14 at Utah. **2017:** Krieger played in all 24 matches for Orlando, both starting and playing all 90 minutes throughout every match. This makes her the only Pride player to play in all 2,160 minutes. She was selected for the 2017 NWSL Best XI, for CONCACAF Female Best XI and was named to the NWSL Team of the Month in June and August this year. **2016:** She led the Spirit to their first NWSL Championship appearance, scoring one goal during the regular season and also scoring in the Spirit's semifinal victory over Chicago. Krieger appeared in 15 total matches, starting in all but one. She was acquired by the Pride via trade in November from Washington. **2015:** During this season Krieger helped the Washington Spirit to clinch a berth in the playoff semifinal. She played 655 minutes in just eight matches, all starts, and helped the Washington Spirit to clinch a berth in the playoff semifinal. **2014:** She started all 22 matches in which she played for the Spirit, compiling 1,935 minutes of playing time, the second most on the team. She helped the team earn their first NWSL playoff berth with a fourth-place regular season finish. She scored one goal and made one assist this season, and was named to the NWSL Best XI First Team. Krieger left Tyresö before the Champions League final to return to Washington for the start of the 2014 NWSL season. **2013:** In 2013 Krieger played 1,422 minutes in 18 matches, and scored one goal with Washington. She was named to NWSL Second XI. She joined Tyresö in Sweden at the end of the year, playing in 11 total matches, including four Champions League matches. **2012:** In 2012 Krieger was allocated to the Washington Spirit for the inaugural season of the NWSL. From here, she returned to Frankfurt and played six matches over the span of three months before coming back to the U.S. to play in NWSL. **2010-11:** She helped Frankfurt win the German Cup in 2011 in front of more than 20,000 fans, making this her last match for Frankfurt. She played in 11 matches for Frankfurt, starting all of them, and scoring one goal. **2009:** Krieger played in 10 matches while on loan with the Washington Freedom during the 2009 WPS season. **2008-09:** Missed majority of season at Frankfurt due to a foot injury. **2008:** She was allocated to the Washington Freedom before the start-up of Women's Professional Soccer in 2008, but due to her contract with Frankfurt, she was initially unavailable to the Freedom. **2007-08:** Krieger won "the treble" in 2008, winning a UEFA Women's Championship, the Bundesliga title and the German Cup with Frankfurt. She scored her first goal in Germany on Feb. 24, 2008.

# #11 DEFENDER





ALI

# KRIEGER

## Pronunciation

**Position:** Defender

**Height:** 5'6"

**Jersey Number:** 11

**Date of Birth:** July 28, 1984

**Age:** 38

**Hometown:** Dumfries, Virginia

**Country:** USA

**College:** Penn State University

**How acquired:** Trade with Orlando Pride (December 2021)

**Pronouns:** she / her / hers

## COLLEGE

Krieger played at Penn State University from 2003-06. She made 94 appearances and scored 11 goals. Krieger graduated from Penn State University as a two-time All-American and a First-Team NSCAA All-American. Throughout her collegiate career she started every match she played in, totaling 87 career matches and tallying 11 goals with 19 assists. She helped Penn State University to four consecutive Big Ten titles and was named 2006 Big Ten Co-Defensive Player of the Year and 2003 Big Ten Freshman of the Year.

## INTERNATIONAL

**2021:** Krieger started in and had an assist during a 6-0 winning match over Colombia. **2020:** She earned three caps for the USWNT, playing every minute of her three caps, and tallying an assist. **2019:** 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup champion. Krieger made six appearances for the USWNT and appeared in three matches at the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup, including the final match. She recorded her 100th cap for USWNT after earning her first call-up to the USWNT in nearly two years. **2017:** Krieger was selected to the CONCACAF Female Best XI after making two full match appearances. **2016:** Krieger made her Olympic debut in 2016, becoming the oldest U.S. women's soccer player to debut at the matches. Aside from this, Krieger appeared in 17 matches this year. **2015:** Krieger was a member of the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup Championship team, making this her second World Cup. She was a part of a stellar back line that allowed just three goals and five consecutive shutouts throughout the tournament. She recorded an assist and started in all seven matches, playing all but 10 minutes of the event. Krieger played 1,580 minutes over 22 matches, helping the U.S. win its 10th Algarve Cup title. **2014:** Krieger appeared in 20 of the team's 24 matches, starting 18 and logging 1,596 minutes (third on the team for field players) which are both career highs. She doubled her career assist total by adding three assists. **2013:** Krieger returned to the U.S. team after fully recovering from knee surgery. She went on to play for 776 minutes in 10 matches, and scored her first WNT goal during a 5-0 win at the Algarve Cup. **2012:** Krieger played in one match at the CONCACAF Olympic qualifying tournament before tearing her ACL, ruling her out for the year. **2011:** Krieger had a breakout year, starting in all 16 matches in which she played and making the Women's World Cup team. Krieger was one of four U.S. players to play every minute of the Women's World Cup this year. She had two assists and converted the final penalty kick during the quarterfinal penalty shootout. **2010:** Krieger played in eight matches for the USA, starting in four, and played for all 180 minutes during two matches at the CONCACAF Women's World Cup Qualifying tournament. **2008:** After making her first roster, Krieger debuted at the Four Nations Tournament in China. Her first call-up came in January. **2006-07:** She played for U.S. U-21/U-23 Women's National Teams.

# #11 DEFENDER



# NEALY MARTIN

## Pronunciation

**Position:** Defender

**Height:** 5'7"

**Jersey Number:** 14

**Date of Birth:** April 22, 1998

**Age:** 24

**Hometown:** Birmingham, Alabama

**Country:** USA

**College:** The University of Alabama

**How acquired:** Signed to one-year contract with a one-year option (December 2022)

**Pronouns:** she / her / hers

## PROFESSIONAL

**2022:** Martin made 11 appearances, including eight starts, in her second year with Racing. **2021:** Martin signed with Racing Louisville after initially emerging from an open tryout ahead of the club's inaugural season. She went on to make 18 appearances, including 13 starts.

## COLLEGE

Martin played for the University of Alabama from 2016-19, playing in 76 matches and scoring five goals throughout her collegiate career. She served as captain of the team during her junior and senior years. Over her four-season collegiate career, Martin was named SEC Co-Scholar Athlete of the Year, to the CoSIDA Academic All-American First Team and to the SEC Community Service Team.

# #14 DEFENDER



# KELLEY O'HARA

**Position:** Defender

**Height:** 5'5"

**Jersey Number:** 5

**Date of Birth:** August 4, 1988

**Age:** 34

**Hometown:** Fayetteville, Georgia

**Country:** USA

**College:** Stanford

**How acquired:** Signed two-year contract (January 2023)

**Pronouns:** she / her / hers

## PROFESSIONAL

**2022:** O'Hara appeared in seven matches and had one assist for Washington. **2021:** During her first season with Washington Spirit, O'Hara started in 15 out of the 17 matches she appeared in, playing a total of 1,410 minutes. She had a 81.1 percent passing accuracy in the defensive half of the field and scored the match-winning goal in extra time of the 2021 NWSL Championship match. O'Hara reached 100 caps in the NWSL this season.

**2020:** While playing with Utah in 2020, she appeared in two matches for a total playing time of 64 minutes. **2019:** O'Hara played in four matches with Utah, totaling 242 minutes in two starts. She was named to the 2019 NWSL Best XI first team. **2018:** In 2018 O'Hara

played in eight matches with Utah Royals, totaling 517 minutes in her seven starts, and scoring one goal. **2017:** She appeared in 18 matches with Sky Blue FC, made three assists and scored four goals. O'Hara ranked first in the league in touches per 90 minutes, coming in at 80 touches. **2016:** She appeared in 12 matches, made two assists and scored one goal. **2015:** In 2015 O'Hara tied for second in NWSL league assists (7). She appeared in 11 matches for Sky Blue FC, scoring three goals. She ended the season in fourth place on the all-time NWSL assists list with 13 and eight all-time in shots with 125.

**2014:** O'Hara made 22 appearances and scored 7 goals during Sky Blue's 2014 season.

**2013:** She joined Sky Blue FC in the new NWSL, making 12 appearances during her first season. **2012:** O'Hara signed with the WPS Atlanta Beat. However, the league folded prior to their 2012 season kick off. **2010-11:** O'Hara was drafted third overall by San Francisco's FC Gold Pride at the 2010 WPS Draft. Here O'Hara won the WPS Championship. O'Hara was later signed by the WPS Boston Breakers, also a part of the WPS. Over her two seasons in the WPS, O'Hara was playing as a midfielder and made 32 appearances and scored a total of 10 goals.

## COLLEGE

O'Hara played for Stanford University from 2006-09. She made 87 appearances, scoring 57 goals and making 32 assists throughout her collegiate career. She went into her freshman year as a two-time Parade All-American. As a senior, O'Hara had one of the best seasons in Division I history after she scored 26 goals and made 13 assists. Both her goals (57) and assists (32) broke school records at the time. After being on the MAC Hermann Trophy watch list for three consecutive seasons, O'Hara was awarded the 2009 Hermann Trophy.

#5 DEFENDER



## KELLEY O'HARA

**Position:** Defender

**Height:** 5'5"

**Jersey Number:** 5

**Date of Birth:** August 4, 1988

**Age:** 34

**Hometown:** Fayetteville, Georgia

**Country:** USA

**College:** Stanford

**How acquired:** Signed two-year contract (January 2023)

**Pronouns:** she / her / hers

### INTERNATIONAL

**2019:** O'Hara played in five out of seven matches through the 2019 FIFA World Cup, making two assists during these matches. She went on to win her second world cup. 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup champion. **2015:** 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup champion. O'Hara also scored her first career international goal during the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup semi-final match. **2012:** O'Hara made her debut as a defender during the 2012 CONCACAF Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournament, registering three assists. After qualifying for the 2012 Summer Olympics, O'Hara played in every minute of the United States' run to victory, making her one of three American players to do so. 2012 Olympic gold medal winner. **2011:** She earned one cap during the 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup during the final group stage. The USA won a silver medal during this tournament. **2010:** O'Hara attended USWNT training camp leading up to the 2010 Algarve Cup. She later earned her first senior cap in March. **2009:** Earned her first call up to the USWNT training camp. **2008:** As a member of the USA U-20 squad, O'Hara played in the Four Nations Tournament. She also played in the 2008 CONCACAF Women's U-20 Championship, which marked her last appearance with the U-20 squad. She scored a total of 24 goals in her 35 U-20 caps, the third-most ever for a U.S. player in the U-20 age group. **2007:** O'Hara participated at the 2007 U-20 Pan American matches. She scored four goals throughout the tournament. **2006:** O'Hara and the U-20 squad came in fourth place during the 2006 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup. She scored two goals during the tournament.

#5 DEFENDER



# TAYLOR SMITH

## Pronunciation

**Position:** Defender

**Height:** 5'3"

**Jersey Number:** 20

**Date of Birth:** December 1, 1993

**Age:** 29

**Hometown:** Fort Worth, Texas

**Country:** USA

**College:** UCLA

**How acquired:** Signed three-year contract (October 2022); previously claimed off waivers (June 2022)

**Pronouns:** she / her / hers

## PROFESSIONAL

**2022:** Smith started in 13 out of the 14 matches she appeared in for Gotham FC. She scored two goals and had one assist. **2021:** Smith returned to the North Carolina Courage where she made 13 appearances and tallied one assist. **2019-20:** Smith joined OL Reign, but was out due to injury (ACL). **2018:** Smith was traded to the Washington Spirit, where she started and played in 23 games for the team. In October of this year, Smith signed with the Newcastle Jets on loan for the 2018-19 W-League season. She made six appearances with the team, earning the team's Player of the Month honors. **2017:** In 2017 Western New York Flash relocated to North Carolina Courage. Here, Smith made 24 appearances helping the Courage to win the Community Shield and return to the NWSL championship game. **2016:** Smith was named to the Western New York Flash opening day roster this season. She made 18 appearances with the club, and scored two goals. She helped the club win the 2016 NWSL Championship.

## COLLEGE

Smith played at UCLA from 2012-15. She started in 80 out of the 87 matches she appeared in, scoring 27 goals and making 22 assists throughout her collegiate career. She captained the UCLA Bruins team in 2015, was named to the 2014 Second-Team All-Pac-12. She helped the Bruins win their first NCAA D1 College Cup title in 2013 and was named to the Pac-12 All-Freshman Team in 2012.

## INTERNATIONAL

**2018:** Smith was named to the USWNT roster for the 2018 SheBelieves Cup. She started for two of the matches during the tournament, making her a 2018 SheBelieves Cup Champion. **2017:** Smith earned her first call into training camp with the USWNT. She earned her first cap in July 2017, during the 2017 Tournament of Nations.

#20 DEFENDER



# NAHOMI KAWASUMI

## Pronunciation

**Position:** Midfielder

**Height:** 5'2"

**Jersey Number:** 9

**Date of Birth:** September 23, 1985

**Age:** 37

**Hometown:** Yamato-Kanagawa

**Country:** Japan

**College:** Nippon Sport Science University

**How acquired:** Trade with OL Reign (January 2019)

**Pronouns:** she / her / hers

## PROFESSIONAL

**2022:** Kawasumi appeared in 20 matches, scoring one goal in the season finale 3-3 tie with Portland Thorns (10/1). She also had one goal in her six appearances in the 2022 NWSL Challenge Cup. **2021:** Kawasumi played in 24 matches, making 19 starts. She posted one goal and four assists. **2020:** Over her six appearances in the 2020 NWSL Challenge Cup, she scored one goal. **2019:** Kawasumi was traded to Sky Blue FC in January 2019. During this season, she made one assist in her 19 appearances. **2016-18:** In 2016 she signed with Seattle Reign FC. She scored nine goals and made 14 assists in her 48 appearances with the club. She was named NWSL Player of the Week in July 2016. **2014:** Kawasumi was loaned to Seattle Reign FC. She was named two-time NWSL Player of the Week, 2014 NWSL Best XI. She also scored nine goals and had five assists in her 20 appearances with the club that season. **2008-16:** Kawasumi was with INAC Kobe Leonessa in Japan's Nadeshiko League during these years. In 2011 & 2013 she was named the Nadeshiko League MVP. She is a three-time Nadeshiko League Champion (2011, 2012, 2013), 2013 Nadeshiko League Cup Champion and a six-time Empress's Cup Champion.

## INTERNATIONAL

**2018:** Kawasumi was called back up to the Japan Women's National Team following a two-year absence. 2018 AFC Women's Asian Cup Champion. **2015:** She helped the team finish as runner-ups in the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup. **2012:** Kawasumi scored her first Olympic goal and played in every match in the tournament. 2012 Olympic silver medal winner. **2011:** Kawasumi scored her first international goal. She totaled six goals over her 13 appearances. During the semi-final match of the 2011 World Cup, Kawasumi scored two goals, which helped Japan win 3-1 and advance to the final match of the tournament. During the final match, she scored the equalizer goal and the match-winning goal in the 64th minute. Japan clinched the gold medal, making Kawasumi a 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup Champion. **2009-10:** She made a total of nine appearances over these two years. **2008:** Kawasumi began playing for the Japan Women's National Team.

#9 MIDFIELDER



# ALLIE LONG

## Pronunciation

**Position:** Midfielder

**Height:** 5'8"

**Jersey Number:** 6

**Date of Birth:** August 13, 1987

**Age:** 35

**Hometown:** Northport, NY

**Country:** USA

**College:** University of North Carolina

**How acquired:** Trade with OL Reign (April 2021)

**Pronouns:** she / her / hers

## PROFESSIONAL

**2022:** Out on maternity leave. **2021:** Long started all 24 matches she appeared in, scoring one goal and posting a 91% passing. She was traded to NJ/NY Gotham FC in April 2021. **2020:** Long helped lead OL Reign to a fourth-place finish in the league and another semifinal playoff berth. **2019:** She finished fifth in the NWSL in passing (1,059). She also totaled two assists in 15 appearances for the 2019 season with OL Reign. **2018:** Long was traded to OL Reign FC in January 2018. During this season she scored three goals, and had one assist in her 20 appearances. She helped OL Reign clinch the 2018 NWSL semifinal playoff berth. **2017:** Long scored two goals and had one assist in her 23 appearances. She helped Portland Thorns to a second-place finish for the NWSL title. **2016:** She scored six goals and made two assists in 16 appearances. She led the Thorns to the regular season title and playoff berth. Long was named on NWSL Best XI for her second year. **2015:** Long scored 10 goals and made four assists in 20 appearances. She was named to the NWSL Best XI, was the Portland Thorns MVP and Golden Boot winner. She also became the first Portland Thorns player to reach double-digit goals (19) and assists (10). She surpassed 5,000 career minutes during this season. **2014:** In her 22 regular season appearances, Long scored nine goals, and made three assists. She was named on NWSL Second XI, was 4-for-4 on penalty kicks, and tallied a match-winning assist to secure a spot in the 2014 NWSL Playoffs. **2013:** Long signed with Portland Thorns in January 2013 of the newly formed NWSL. She scored three goals and made an equal number of assists. She also scored a match-winning goal in the NWSL semifinals. **2012:** Having signed with the New York Fury in WPSL Elite in 2012, Long guided the club to the playoff semifinals. **2011-2012:** Long joined Paris Saint-Germain of the Division 1 Feminine on a six-month contract from Oct. 2011-March 2012. She scored eight goals in 16 appearances across all matches for PSG. **2011:** Long was traded to Sky Blue FC, making 18 appearances. **2009-2010:** After being drafted as the 7th overall pick in the WPS Draft by Washington Freedom, Long scored two goals in 19 appearances her rookie season. During her second season she scored two goals in 22 appearances.

## COLLEGE

Long played for Penn State University from 2005-06 and University of North Carolina from 2007-08. During her freshman year at Penn State, she appeared in 46 games, scoring 10 goals with 10 assists. Long was named to the first-team All-Big Ten selection and was named to the National Soccer Coaches Association first-team All-Mid-Atlantic Region team. After transferring to University of North Carolina in 2007, Long appeared in all 24 games during her first season there. She scored five goals and was named to Soccer America, Soccer Buzz and Top Drawer Soccer National Teams of the Week. She was also on the watchlist for the Hermann Trophy this year. During her senior year she was a 2008 NCAA Tournament Champion.

# #6 MIDFIELDER



# ALLIE LONG

## Pronunciation

**Position:** Midfielder

**Height:** 5'8"

**Jersey Number:** 6

**Date of Birth:** August 13, 1987

**Age:** 35

**Hometown:** Northport, N.Y.

**Country:** USA

**College:** University of North Carolina

**How acquired:** Trade with OL Reign (April 2021)

**Pronouns:** she / her / hers

## INTERNATIONAL

**2019:** Long made appearances in both April 2019 friendlies with USWNT. She was also named to the final roster for the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup, making this her first senior World Cup appearance. She scored two goals. **2018:** Long was named to the provisional roster for the 2018 CONCACAF Women's Championship. She also made an appearance in Europe for a friendly match. **2017:** Long scored three goals. **2016:** As a member of the 2016 Olympic squad, Long started in three of the four matches played. She scored three goals. **2014:** Long made her international debut with USWNT. She scored her first two international goals. **2010:** Long earned her first call up to the USWNT. **2006:** Long represented the United States on the U-20 (three goals in 14 appearances), U-21 and U-23 national teams and was a member of the 2006 FIFA U-20 Women's World Championship team.

# #6 MIDFIELDER





## KRISTIE MEWIS

### Pronunciation

**Position:** Midfielder

**Height:** 5'7"

**Jersey Number:** 19

**Date of Birth:** February 25, 1991

**Age:** 31

**Hometown:** Hanson, Massachusetts

**Country:** USA

**College:** Boston College

**How acquired:** Trade with San Diego Wave (December 16, 2021)

**Pronouns:** she / her / hers

## PROFESSIONAL

**2022:** Mewis played a total of 23 matches between the regular season and challenge cup, where she totaled four goals and four assists. This was her first full season with Gotham FC. **2021:** Mewis posted three goals and four assists through the regular season. She also played in two matches, tallying a pair of goals during the Challenge Cup. **2020:** Mewis helped lead Houston Dash to the 2020 NWSL Challenge Cup Championship, appearing in six matches during the tournament, totaling a goal and an assist. Mewis started in four matches during the Fall Series, scoring two goals and adding three assists. **2019:** She played in 22 matches, posting four goals and an assist. **2018:** Mewis scored two goals in 11 match appearances during her first full season with Houston Dash. Mewis was voted onto the NWSL's May 2018 Team of the Month. **2017:** Mewis started the 2017 season with Washington Spirit where she appeared in 19 matches, scored three goals and had an assist. On August 21 Mewis was traded to Chicago Red Stars where she scored a goal in her first and only appearance for the team. On August 30 Mewis was traded to Houston Dash where she played five matches to close out the season. **2016:** Returning to Boston Breakers, Mewis made 14 appearances, scored one goal and an assist. **2015-16:** Mewis signed a one-year contract to be on loan with FC Bayern Munich. She made 7 appearances and scored one goal. **2015:** She made 20 appearances and scored 6 goals with Boston Breakers. **2014:** Mewis joined Iga FC Kunoichi of the Japanese Nadeshiko League first division on loan. Mewis scored five goals in seven games. **2014:** Mewis signed with Boston Breakers and made 17 appearances where she scored 3 goals. **2013:** Mewis made 20 starts as a rookie this year. She was taken with the No. 3 overall pick in the 2013 NWSL Draft by FC Kansas City. **2013:** Joining for the final two weeks of the 2012-2013 season, Mewis signed with the Australian W-League team, Canberra United FC. She scored one goal during both of her appearances with the team.

## COLLEGE

Mewis played for Boston College from 2009-12. She finished her collegiate career with 39 goals, 38 assists and nine game-winning goals. Mewis is Boston College's all-time leading scorer in the program with 116 total points. She is a two-time Hermann Trophy Semifinalist, was named to the NSCAA First Team All-American as a senior, and is a two-time All-ACC First Team honoree. She was also named to the 2011 NSCAA Division I All-America Third Team and NSCAA Southeast Regional First Team.

#19 MIDFIELDER



## KRISTIE MEWIS

### Pronunciation

**Position:** Midfielder

**Height:** 5'7"

**Jersey Number:** 19

**Date of Birth:** February 25, 1991

**Age:** 31

**Hometown:** Hanson, Massachusetts

**Country:** USA

**College:** Boston College

**How acquired:** Trade with San Diego Wave (December 16, 2021)

**Pronouns:** she / her / hers

## INTERNATIONAL

**2023:** 2023 SheBelieves Cup Champion. **2022:** 2022 SheBelieves Cup Champion. She scored three goals in her 13 appearances. **2021:** 2021 SheBelieves Cup Champion. Mewis made 17 appearances, scored two goals and had two assists. **2020:** Mewis was called to the full senior training camps in October and November. She made her first appearance in over six years, in a friendly match. Here, she scored her first goal in 2,722 days, the longest span between goals in U.S. history. **2019:** After five years, Mewis was called to the USWNT talent identification training camp. 2014: Mewis appeared with USWNT five times. **2013:** Mewis earned her first call to the national training camp at the senior level. She made her debut with the team in a friendly match and later was placed on the 2013 Algarve Cup roster. She totaled 10 appearances and scored her first international goal with the team, her only goal of this year. **2010:** Mewis represented the USA during the U-20 Women's World Cup. **2008:** Mewis co-captained the United States U-17 team during the 2008 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup, where the team finished second in the tournament. She scored two goals throughout the tournament and was the recipient of the Bronze Ball, honoring her as the tournament's best player.

# #19 MIDFIELDER



# VICTORIA PICKETT

## Pronunciation

**Position:** Midfielder

**Height:** 5'6"

**Jersey Number:** 99

**Date of Birth:** August 12, 1996

**Age:** 26

**Hometown:** Newmarket, Ontario

**Country:** Canada

**College:** University of Wisconsin

**Pronouns:** she / her / hers

## PROFESSIONAL

**2022:** Pickett was traded to Gotham FC in August 2022. She made seven appearances with five starts with the club. **2021:** Pickett was drafted by the Kansas City Current as the 5th pick in the 2nd round of the 2021 NWSL College Draft. She was a Rookie of the Year finalist after logging more than 1,500 minutes, scoring one goal and making one assist in 19 games played (16 starts). **2017:** Pickett played for Aurora FC in League1 Ontario, where she scored two goals in eight appearances.

## COLLEGE

Pickett played for the University of Wisconsin from 2015-19. She started in all 57 of her appearances. She scored 5 goals and had 11 assists throughout her collegiate career. Pickett earned 2018 First Team All-American, MAC Hermann semifinalist, and First Team All-Region honors. She recorded one assist in Wisconsin's 6-0 victory over Hofstra to advance to the 2018 Sweet 16 of the NCAA tournament. She missed the entire 2019 season due to a knee injury.

## INTERNATIONAL

**2021:** Pickett earned her first call-up to the senior team, going on to make three appearances with the squad this year. **2016:** She represented Canada at the 2016 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup. **2015:** Pickett scored the deciding goal for Canada during the CONCACAF U-20 championship match, where she won a silver medal. She also participated in the 2015 Pan Am Games. **2014:** Represented Canada in the 2014 U-20 FIFA World Cup. **2013-19:** Pickett was a part of the Canada U-20 squad, making 9 appearances during this time. **2012:** Participated for Canada in the U-17 Championships at the 2012 CONCACAF, where her team won a silver medal.

#99 MIDFIELDER



# YAZMEEN RYAN

## Pronunciation

**Position:** Midfield

**Height:** 5'6"

**Jersey Number:** 18

**Date of Birth:** February 25, 1999

**Age:** 24

**Hometown:** Norman, Oklahoma

**Country:** USA

**College:** Texas Christian University

**How acquired:** Trade with Angel City FC  
(01/05/23)

**Pronouns:** she / her / hers

## PROFESSIONAL

**2022:** In 18 appearances she scored two goals and had five assists. Won the 2022 NWSL Championship. **2021:** Ryan was drafted with the Number 6 overall pick by the Portland Thorns in the 2021 NWSL Draft. She appeared in 10 matches. She is a 2021 Women's International Champions Cup Champion and 2021 NWSL Shield winner.

## COLLEGE

Ryan played for Texas Christian University from 2017-21. She scored 23 goals and made an equal number of assists in her 75 match appearances throughout her collegiate career. Ryan was named to A Big 12 All-Freshman Team, Big 12 All-Tournament Team, 1st-Team All-Midwest Region twice and 1st-Team All-Big 12 three times.

# #18 MIDFIELDER



# DELANIE SHEEHAN

## Pronunciation

**Position:** Midfielder

**Height:** 5'6"

**Jersey Number:** 17

**Date of Birth:** January 13, 1999

**Age:** 24

**Hometown:** Brentwood, California

**Country:** USA

**College:** UCLA

**How acquired:** No. 33 overall pick in the 2021 NWSL Draft

**Pronouns:** she / her / hers

## PROFESSIONAL

**2022:** Sheehan made 10 appearances with one start with Gotham FC. She also scored one goal. **2021:** Sheehan was selected as Number 33 overall pick in the 2021 NWSL Draft by Gotham FC. She appeared in five games through the 2021 season, starting in two. She made her first assist as a professional with the club. In September, she was loaned to Paris FC for the remainder of 2021, where she made five appearances with the club.

## COLLEGE

Sheehan played for UCLA from 2017-21. She scored 15 goals and had 18 assists in 86 total appearances throughout her collegiate career. She was named First-team United Soccer Coaches All-American and All-Region selection in 2020... MAC Hermann Trophy semifinalist and Pac-12 Midfielder of the Year as senior... First-team All-Pac-12 honoree in 2020... Finalist for the Senior CLASS Award... Senior CLASS Award All-America First Team ... Named to the Top-Drawer Soccer Best XI Second Team... Earned United Soccer Coaches Player of Distinction Award... Earned All-Pac-12 third-team honors in 2018... Earned Pac-12 All-Freshman honors in 2017.

## INTERNATIONAL

**2018:** Sheehan was called to be an alternate for the U.S. at the 2018 Under-20 FIFA Women's World Cup. She was also a member of the U.S. Youth National Teams at the U-18, U-19 and U-20 levels.

# #17 MIDFIELDER



# TARYN TORRES

## Pronunciation

**Position:** Midfielder

**Height:** 5'6"

**Jersey Number:** 8

**Date of Birth:** April 23, 1999

**Age:** 23

**Hometown:** Frisco, Texas

**Country:** USA

**College:** University of Virginia

**How acquired:** No. 21 pick of 2021 NWSL College Draft

**Pronouns:** she / her / hers

## PROFESSIONAL

**2022:** Torres made 13 appearances, nine being starts, with Gotham FC throughout the season. **2021:** Torres was drafted at Number 21 pick by Gotham FC in the 2021 NWSL College Draft.

## COLLEGE

Torres played at University of Virginia from 2017-22. She appeared in 100 matches, totaling 14 goals and an equal number of assists. She was drafted by Sky Blue FC but elected to return to UVA for the spring portion of the season. She was named All-ACC Third Team, United Soccer Coaches All-Region Second Team, All-ACC Second Team, Top Drawer Soccer Best XI Second Team, Two Time All-ACC Third Team, All-Freshman Team, United Soccer Coaches All-Region Third Team, Top Drawer Soccer Freshman Best XI selection.

## INTERNATIONAL

**2018:** Torres played for U-20 USWNT in the 2018 FIFA World Cup. Prior to this, she was also a member of U-19, U-17, and U-15 USWNT.

# #8 MIDFIELDER



McCALL

# ZERBONI

## Pronunciation

**Position:** Midfielder

**Height:** 5'4"

**Jersey Number:** 7

**Date of Birth:** December 13, 1986

**Age:** 36

**Hometown:** San Clemente, California

**Country:** USA

**College:** UCLA

**How acquired:** previously acquired by Gotham FC via trade with North Carolina Courage in 2020; signed new one-year contract with Gotham FC in January 2023

**Pronouns:** she / her / hers

## PROFESSIONAL

**2022:** Zerboni started in all 26 of her 2022 appearances. She scored three goals in her 1,766 minutes. **2021:** Zerboni made 21 appearances, including 19 starts... Posted goal at Washington... Dished out assist in 1-1 draw at Kansas City... One appearance in the 2021 NWSL Challenge Cup. **2020:** Zerboni was traded to Sky Blue FC in January 2020. Here she had one assist in her five appearances during the 2020 NWSL Challenge Cup. She later missed the 2020 NWSL Fall Series due to injury. **2019:** Zerboni made 24 match appearances with North Carolina. North Carolina won the NWSL Shield and were 2019 NWSL Champions. **2018:** Zerboni started in all 20 matches that she appeared in this season. She scored three goals and made one assist. North Carolina won the NWSL Shield and went on to become NWSL champions. Zerboni was named to the team of the month four times and NWSL Best XI. She also was a finalist for the Most Valuable Player Award. This year, Zerboni became the first NWSL player to play 10,000 career minutes. **2017:** In 2017 Western New York Flash relocated to North Carolina Courage. During the first season in North Carolina, Zerboni made 25 appearances, scored three goals and had one assist. North Carolina won the 2017 NWSL Shield and advanced to the Championship game this season. She was named to the team of the month and NWSL Best XI. **2016:** Zerboni made eight appearances with Boston Breakers this season before being traded to the Western New York Flash. She started in 11 out of her 12 match appearances. The Western New York Flash won the 2016 NWSL Championship. **2015:** Zerboni made 18 appearances and scored two goals with Portland Thorns. **2011-2014:** Zerboni signed with Western New York Flash in 2011. She helped the team to the 2011 WPS Championship and was appointed captain for the 2013 and 2014 seasons. Three goals, two assists in 24 appearances for 2014 season. She made 46 appearances and scored 4 goals throughout this time. **2010:** Zerboni signed to the Atlanta Beat during the 2009 WPS Expansion Draft and made 20 appearances with the team. **2009:** She was drafted as the 47th pick overall by Los Angeles Sol in 2009 WPS Draft. She made 10 appearances with four starts and had a goal and an assist.

## COLLEGE

Zerboni played at UCLA from 2005-09. She scored seven goals and made 10 assists in her 73 collegiate career appearances. She scored hat trick in first round of NCAA Tournament in 2008.

## INTERNATIONAL

**2019:** Zerboni was called up to senior team training camps. **2018:** Zerboni was named to the roster for the 2018 Tournament of Nations, where the USWNT became champions. **2017:** She earned her first call up to the senior team, making her the oldest player to earn a first cap for the USWNT. **2003:** Zerboni was a member of the U-17 USWNT squad.

# #7 MIDFIELDER



# SVAVA RÓS GUÐMUNDSDÓTTIR

**Position:** Forward

**Height:** 5'9"

**Jersey Number:** 16

**Date of Birth:** November 11, 1995

**Age:** 27

**Hometown:** Reykjavík, Iceland

**Country:** Iceland

**College:** N/A

**How acquired:** Signed two-year contract (January 2023)

**Pronouns:** she / her / hers

## PROFESSIONAL

**2022:** Guðmundsdóttir signed with Norwegian club, SK Brann. She made 22 appearances and scored six goals. The team won the 2022 Toppserien. **2021:** Guðmundsdóttir signed with French club, FC Girondins de Bordeaux and made four appearances with the club. **2019-20:** Guðmundsdóttir signed with Swedish team Kristianstads DFF. She made 35 match appearances, totaling 2,735 minutes played and scoring 8 goals. **2018:** Guðmundsdóttir signed with Norwegian Toppserien team Røa IL. Guðmundsdóttir made 21 appearances, and scored 14 goals, making this her most prolific season. Røa IL was named Team of the Year. **2015-17:** In 2015 Guðmundsdóttir was transferred to Breiðablik. She scored 10 goals in her 53 appearances. She won the league during her first season with the club. She also tallied the most assists during the 2016 and 2017 Úrvalsdeild kvenna championships. **2011-14:** Guðmundsdóttir started her playing career with Icelandic team Valur. She made 50 appearances with the club, totaling 3,264 minutes played, and she scored 16 goals.

# #16 FORWARD





JENNA

# NIGHSWONGER

## Pronunciation

**Position:** Forward

**Height:** 5'3"

**Jersey Number:** 32

**Date of Birth:** November 28, 2000

**Age:** 22

**Hometown:** Huntington Beach, California

**Country:** USA

**College:** Florida State University

**How acquired:** Signed three-year contract (March 2023); selected in the 2023 NWSL Draft with the fourth overall pick

**Pronouns:** she / her / hers

## COLLEGE

Nighswonger played at Florida State University from 2019-22. She scored 19 goals and made 34 assists in 86 total appearances in her collegiate career. In 2022, Nighswonger was one of three finalists for the MAC Hermann Award as the top player in women's college soccer. She was named ACC Tournament MVP and was also honored by the United Soccer Coaches and College Soccer News as a First Team All-American. Her 34 career assists with the Seminoles place Nighswonger second all-time in the school's record books.

# #32 FORWARD



IFEOMA

# ONUMONU

## Pronunciation

**Position:** Forward

**Height:** 5'10"

**Jersey Number:** 25

**Date of Birth:** February 25, 1994

**Age:** 29

**Hometown:** Rancho Cucamonga, California

**Country:** USA

**College:** University of California-Berkeley

**How acquired:** Signed three-year contract (October 2022); previously acquired via trade with Reign FC (January 2020)

**Pronouns:** she / her / hers

## PROFESSIONAL

**2022:** Onumonu appeared in 21 matches, scoring three goals and making two assists. **2021:** Onumonu made 30 appearances, making 23 starts. She had eight goals and six assists. **2020:** In January 2020 Onumonu was traded to NJ-NY. She scored three goals and had one assist in her 10 appearances this season. **2019:** Onumonu was signed by Seattle Reign as a National Team Replacement Player in May. She went on to earn a permanent roster spot in June 2019. She scored three goals and had one assist in her 21 appearances. **2018:** She was selected by Portland Thorns in the 2018 NWSL Dispersal Draft. She made eight appearances with the team. **2017:** Onumonu was drafted with the No. 8 pick by the Boston Breakers in 2017 NWSL College Draft. She had one assist in 18 appearances.

## COLLEGE

Onumonu played at UC-Berkeley from 2012-16. She made 82 appearances, scored 33 goals and had 17 assists in her collegiate career. She ended her college career fourth in assists and fifth in goals in school history. She was named to the 2016 All-Pac-12 First Team, NSCAA All-Pacific selection three-times, 2013 All-Pac-12 Second Team, NSCAA All-Pacific Third Team, Pac-12 Freshman of the Year and All-Pac-12 First Team.

## INTERNATIONAL

**2023:** Onumonu participated in the Revelations Cup in Guanajuato, with matches against Mexico, Columbia and Costa Rica. Onumonu has two goals in ten appearances with her national team. **2022:** Onumonu participated in the second round of the Women's African Cup of Nations Qualifying. **2021:** Onumonu earned her first call up to the Nigerian Women's National Team. She was on the squad for three international friendly matches as a part of the U.S. Soccer's Summer Series. Onumonu previously represented the United States on the U-23 Women's National Team.

# #25 FORWARD



## MIDGE PURCE

**Position:** Forward

**Height:** 5'4"

**Jersey Number:** 23

**Date of Birth:** September 18, 1995

**Age:** 27

**Hometown:** Silver Spring, Maryland

**Country:** USA

**College:** Harvard University

**How acquired:** Signed new two-year contract with an option (March 2023); previously acquired via trade with Portland Thorns (January 2020)

**Pronouns:** she / her / hers

### PROFESSIONAL

**2022:** Purce scored four goals in her 21 appearances. **2021:** Purce started in all 18 games, was named to the NWSL Best XI, was an MVP Finalist and tied for second in the NWSL with nine goals. She scored two goals in her four appearances for the 2021 NWSL Challenge Cup. **2020:** Purce was traded to NJ-NY in January 2020. She made nine appearances, scored one goal and had two assists. **2018-2019:** Purce was selected with the No. 4 pick by Portland Thorns in 2018 NWSL Dispersal Draft. She scored eight goals and had an assist in her 44 appearances with the team. She was named NWSL Goal of the Week in June 2019 and NWSL Team of the Month, Player of the Week in August 2019. **2017:** Purce was drafted with the No. 9 overall pick to Boston Breakers in 2017 NWSL College Draft. She had one goal and two assists in 22 appearances.

### COLLEGE

Purce played at Harvard University from 2013-16. She played 69 matches, starting in 63 of them. She scored 42 goals and had 12 assists. She ended her collegiate career as third all-time scorer in school history and was two-time Ivy League Player of the Year. She was named to the 2016 All-America First Team, 2016 MAC Hermann semifinalist, 2015 NSCAA Mid-Atlantic Region Second Team, All-Ivy League first team four times, 2013 Ivy League Rookie of the Year (First rookie to be awarded POTY in league history) and NSCAA/Continental Tire Women's All-American Third Team.

### INTERNATIONAL

**2023:** 2023 SheBelieves Cup champion. **2022:** Purce made 11 appearances, scoring two goals and adding one assist. She became a two time SheBelieves Cup champion in 2022. **2021:** Purce scored her first senior national team goal. She made seven appearances with a total of two goals and two assists. She also won the 2021 SheBelieves Cup. **2019-20:** Purce received her first USWNT Senior cap in 2019. From 2019 through 2020 Purce made two appearances with the team. **2015-18:** Purce represented the United States on the Youth U-23 Women's National Team. She received her first call up with the senior team in 2017 for the 2017 Tournament of Nations. She earned her second call up in 2018, but sustained an injury and did not appear. **2013-14:** Purce made four appearances and three starts in the 2014 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup. She scored a goal for the US during a friendly match and again Mexico during the 2014 CONCACAF U20 Championship. **2011-12:** Purce was a part of the US U-17 squad. She played in the 2012 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup.

#23 FORWARD



LYNN

# WILLIAMS

## Pronunciation

**Position:** Forward

**Height:** 5'7"

**Jersey Number:** 10

**Date of Birth:** May 21, 1993

**Age:** 29

**Hometown:** Fresno, California

**Country:** USA

**College:** Pepperdine University

**How acquired:** Trade with Kansas City Current (January 2023)

**Pronouns:** she / her / hers

## PROFESSIONAL

**2022:** Williams was traded to the Kansas City Current by the North Carolina Courage, but was out for the season due to injury. **2021-22:** Williams was on loan for one month as a guest player with the Melbourne Victory. She made four appearances and scored three goals. **2019-20:** Williams was on loan with the Western Sydney Wanderers as part of the W-League's 2019 season. She made five appearances with the club and scored four goals. **2018:** Williams scored 14 goals, tying her for second-best in the league. North Carolina won another NWSL Shield and Williams went on to be named a finalist for NWSL Most Valuable Player after this match. The North Carolina Courage won the 2018 NWSL Championship. Williams was also named Player of the Week twice as well as to the NWSL Second XI. **2017:** In 2017 the Western New York Flash relocated to North Carolina Courage. Williams scored nine goals during her first season with the team. The North Carolina Courage won the NWSL Shield. **2016:** Williams scored 11 goals in her 19 appearances. Her 11 goals tied her with Kealia Ohai for the most in the league. She was awarded the Golden Boot as she had more assists than Ohai. The Western New York Flash won the 2016 NWSL Championship after Williams scored two goals during the semi-final match, and then scored a game-tying header in the last minute of extra time in the final to force the game to penalties. Williams converted her penalty and the Western New York Flash took the victory. Williams was also named 2016 NWSL Most Valuable Player and the 2016 NWSL Best XI. **2015:** Williams was selected sixth overall by the Western New York Flash during the 2015 NWSL College Draft. She made 17 appearances during her first season with the team and scored four goals.

# #10 FORWARD



# LYNN WILLIAMS

## Pronunciation

**Position:** Forward

**Height:** 5'7"

**Jersey Number:** 10

**Date of Birth:** May 21, 1993

**Age:** 29

**Hometown:** Fresno, California

**Country:** USA

**College:** Pepperdine University

**How acquired:** Trade with Kansas City Current (January 2023)

**Pronouns:** she / her / hers

## COLLEGE

Williams played at Pepperdine University from 2011-14. She scored a total of 39 goals in her 78 appearances. Williams was a finalist for the Hermann Trophy and was named first-team All-American by the NSCAA and Soccer America as well as All-WCC first team for three consecutive years. Williams set a school record for shots with 130 and ranked first in the WCC.

## INTERNATIONAL

**2023:** Scored one goal and had one assist in her five appearances thus far this year. 2023 SheBelieves Cup Champion. **2022:** She made two appearances with the team. 2022 SheBelieves Cup Champion. **2021:** Williams was named to the 2020 Summer Olympics roster for the United States. She totaled 16 appearances, scored five goals and made four assists. 2021 SheBelieves Cup Champion. **2019-20:** Williams returned with the team for her first cap in 20 months. She scored five goals and had five assists during her first five games back with the team, including the 2020 CONCACAF Olympic qualifying tournament. She went on to win an Olympic Bronze Medal with USWNT this year. 2020 SheBelieves Cup Champion. Overall, she made 10 match appearances from 2019-2020. **2018:** 2018 SheBelieves Cup Champion. She was also named to the provisional roster for the 2018 CONCACAF Women's Championship. She made four appearances with the team in 2018. **2017:** Williams was named to the 2017 SheBelieves Cup roster. Here she scored the game-winning goal in a 1-0 win over Germany. She was also called up for the 2017 Tournament of Nations. She made 11 appearances and scored 3 goals. **2016:** Williams earned her first USWNT call up and cap. She scored the fastest debut goal in the team's history, scoring 49 seconds after entering the match. She made four appearances for the team this year. **2013-15:** Williams represented the United States on the U-23 squad.

# #10 FORWARD

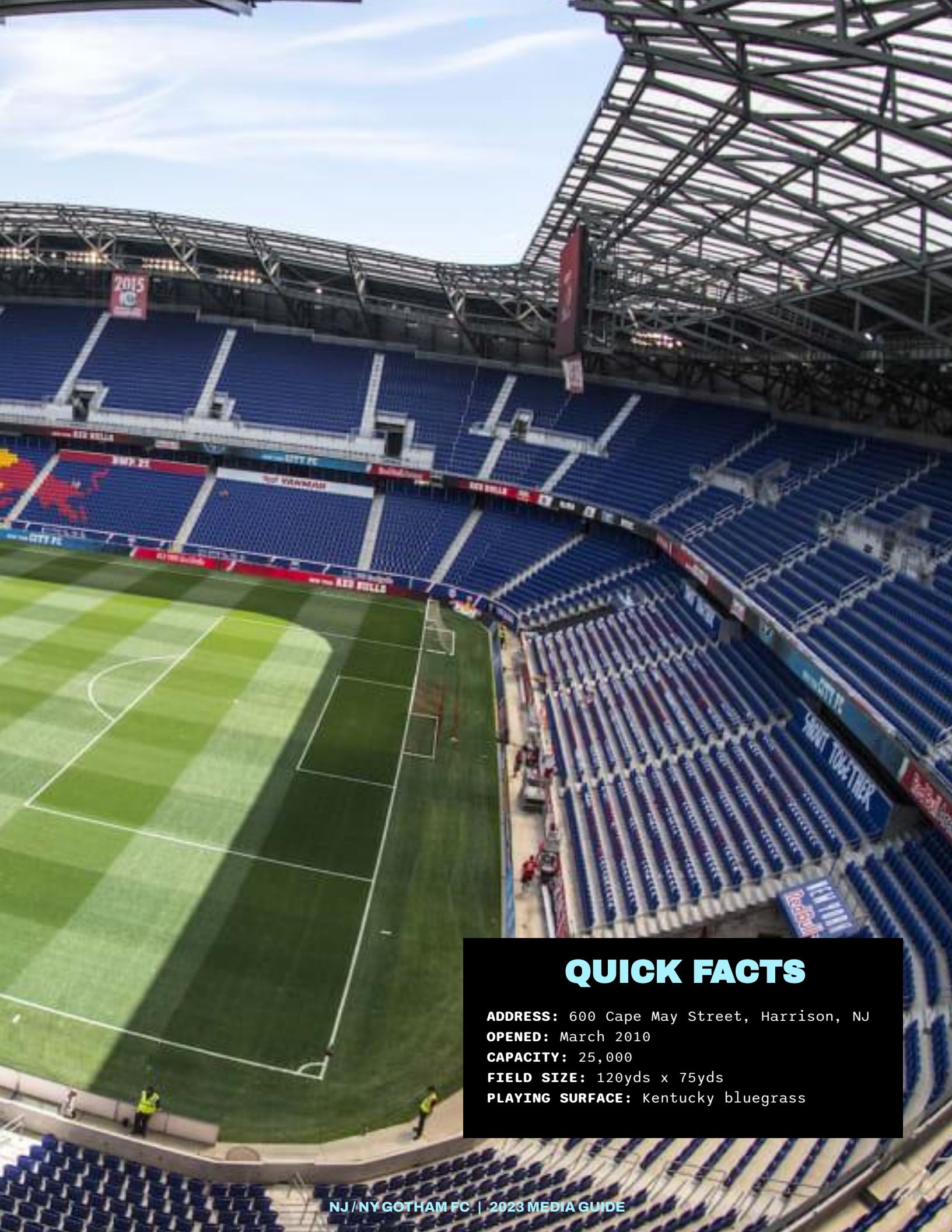
# RED BULL ARENA

Red Bull Arena is the benchmark in the North American soccer stadium landscape and sets the standard for other venues of its kind across the continent. The 25,000-seat state-of-the-art facility located in Harrison, New Jersey is the home of Gotham FC of the NWSL and the New York Red Bulls of Major League Soccer.

Opened in March 2010, Red Bull Arena has hosted a number of top club and international squads including the U.S. Women's and Men's National Teams, Argentina, Ecuador, Colombia, Chelsea FC, FC Barcelona, Bayern Munich, Arsenal, Manchester City, Juventus and Tottenham Hotspur FC.

The arena is structured to create a distinct soccer atmosphere as fans in the front row are just 21 feet from the touchlines. Its dynamic roof is a curving structure that wraps the entire arena in an elegant metal shell to create an architectural statement of power and elegance. Red Bull Arena has been awarded the Professional Soccer Field of the Year by Sports Turf Management Association in 2018 and 2021.

In 2022, the Arena hosted 40 soccer matches, including 13 featuring Gotham FC, 19 Red Bulls matches across all competitions, three men's international friendlies, and a friendly between the U.S. Women's National Team and Germany.



## QUICK FACTS

**ADDRESS:** 600 Cape May Street, Harrison, NJ

**OPENED:** March 2010

**CAPACITY:** 25,000

**FIELD SIZE:** 120yds x 75yds

**PLAYING SURFACE:** Kentucky bluegrass

# RED BULL

# TRAINING FACILITY

Red Bulls Training Facility is the world-class home for training sessions of NY/NJ Gotham FC, the New York Red Bulls of MLS, New York Red Bulls II, and Red Bulls Academy teams. The facility has hosted various international teams and other club teams training session including the United States National Team, Mexico National Team, and Inter Milan.





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# NWSL INFORMATION

## FULL 2023 COMPETITION GUIDELINES

*Highlights Include 2023 Competition Calendar, Increased Salary Cap and Allocation Allotments, Under-18 Entry Mechanism*

**NEW YORK (March 20, 2023)** - The National Women's Soccer League today released the 2023 Competition Manual. The full manual is available [here](#).

Each team has a minimum of \$1,975,000 available to spend on a 22-26 player roster for the 2023 season. This includes the \$1,375,000 salary cap plus \$600,000 in Allocation Money. Unused Allocation Money from 2022 may also be carried forward to 2023. The new spend marks a 25 percent increase from the 2022 campaign.

Introduced in 2019, Allocation Money is financial credit that a team may purchase within limits defined by the league each year or acquire from another team through a transaction. Allocation Money may be used to reduce the salary cap impact of a player's salary, pay a transfer fee or loan fee when acquiring a player outside the league, or trade to another team.

Introduced in 2022, the NWSL established a new entry mechanism for players under the age of 18 wishing to enter the league. With the consent of the player and their parent or legal guardian, teams may place eligible players on an Under-18 Entry List to be selected under the following criteria:

- Each team is limited to two Under-18 players between its senior roster and the Entry List;
- Players must be signed to a guaranteed contract within 30 days of being placed on the list and the contract term must run through the season in which the player turns 18;
- Players will occupy a full roster spot;
- Players may be placed on or called up from the list at any time during the season;
- Players may not be waived or traded until the player has turned 18 or the team has received consent from both the player and parent or legal guardian;
- Players may not be selected in the expansion process;
- Players must reside with a parent or legal guardian until their 18th birthday;
- Players must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States.

Under-18 Entry List slots are not tradeable.

Information regarding the NWSL Expansion Draft will be available at a later date.



# NWSL INFORMATION

## GOTHAM FC AND NWSL BROADCAST INFORMATION

Matches during the NWSL Season will be available to fans on multiple platforms, including CBS Network Television, CBS Sports Network, Paramount+, TSN and TSN+, and NWSLSoccer.com.

CBS Sports' multiplatform coverage will feature all 176 NWSL matches this season.

Gotham FC's match on July 18 will serve as one of the league's six marquee matchups on the CBS Television Network, with live streaming available on Paramount+.

Gotham FC has two matches slated to appear on CBS Sports Network and eight matches airing on Paramount+, Paramount Global's subscription streaming service.

CBS Sports Network will air 23 matches across the regular season, playoffs and the Challenge Cup. Paramount+ will exclusively stream all additional NWSL matches live in the U.S, with a select number of those matches also streaming live on the CBS Sports Golazo Network, which launches on Tuesday, April 11.

In addition, all 2023 regular season and Challenge Cup matches will be streamed live internationally for free on NWSLSoccer.com. Match replays, highlights and additional NWSL produced content will also be available on NWSLSoccer.com. Additional international distribution information will be released prior to season kickoff.

The NWSL announced a partnership this year with Canadian sports broadcaster TSN to distribute NWSL matches, including the 2023 NWSL Championship, across its network in Canada this season. Live match coverage will air [in English] across TSN, TSN.ca, TSN+ and the TSN app.

In total, TSN+ will stream 58 matches throughout the 2023 season. TSN will also air both semifinal matches of the 2023 NWSL playoffs as well as the 2023 NWSL Championship.

Gotham FC's schedule of national broadcast games for the 2023 season can be found here. The schedule of local Gotham FC broadcasts will be announced soon.

*Note: Gotham FC will announce the local broadcast schedule in the near future.*



# 2023 SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)	WATCH
SUN.	MARCH 26	ANGEL CITY	9 PM	Paramount + / TSN+
SAT.	APRIL 1	OL REIGN	7:30 PM	Paramount +
SAT.	APRIL 15	ORLANDO PRIDE	7 PM	Paramount +
WED.	APRIL 19	WASHINGTON SPIRIT	7:30 PM	Paramount +
SAT.	APRIL 22	NC COURAGE	7:30 PM	Paramount +
SUN.	APRIL 30	KANSAS CITY CURRENT	6 PM	Paramount +
WED.	MAY 3	NC COURAGE	7 PM	Paramount +
SUN.	MAY 7	CHICAGO RED STARS	6 PM	Paramount +
SUN.	MAY 14	ORLANDO PRIDE	5:30 PM	Paramount +
SUN.	MAY 21	OL REIGN	6 PM	Paramount +
SUN.	MAY 28	WASHINGTON SPIRIT	5 PM	Paramount +
SUN.	JUNE 4	SAN DIEGO WAVE	5:30 PM	Paramount + / TSN+
WED.	JUNE 7	ORLANDO PRIDE	7:30 PM	CBSSN / TSN+
SUN.	JUNE 11	HOUSTON DASH	7 PM	Paramount + / TSN+
SUN.	JUNE 18	RACING LOUISVILLE	4 PM	CBS
SUN.	JUNE 25	CHICAGO RED STARS	5:30 PM	Paramount +
WED.	JUNE 28	ORLANDO PRIDE	7 PM	Paramount + / TSN+
SUN.	JULY 2	ANGEL CITY	5:30 PM	Paramount +
SUN.	JULY 9	PORTLAND THORNS	5:30 PM	Paramount +
FRI.	JULY 28	WASHINGTON SPIRIT	3 PM	Paramount +
SAT..	AUGUST 5	NC COURAGE	7:30 PM	Paramount +
SAT.	AUGUST 19	SAN DIEGO WAVE	10 PM	Paramount +
SUN.	AUGUST 27	RACING LOUISVILLE	5:30 PM	Paramount +
SAT.	SEPTEMBER 2	NC COURAGE	7 PM	Paramount +
SAT.	SEPTEMBER 16	WASHINGTON SPIRIT	7:30 PM	Paramount +
SUN.	OCTOBER 1	HOUSTON DASH	6:30 PM	CBSSN / TSN+
SAT.	OCTOBER 7	PORTLAND THORNS	5 PM	Paramount + / TSN Linear
SUN.	OCTOBER 15	KANSAS CITY CURRENT	5 PM	Paramount + / TSN+

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