

2024-25 CAROLINA ASCENT FC GAME NOTES

CAROLINA ASCENT FC
6-3-7 | 2ND PLACE



FORT LAUDERDALE UNITED FC
7-5-3 | 4TH PLACE

HEAD COACH: PHILIP POOLE

HEAD COACH: TYRONE MEARS

**USL SUPER LEAGUE MATCH 17 | MARCH 2ND | 3:00 PM ET
AMERICAN LEGION MEMORIAL STADIUM | CHARLOTTE, NC**

2024-25 SCHEDULE

OVERALL: 6-3-7 | H: 4-1-4 | A: 2-2-3

8/17	(Sat)	DC Power Football Club	W, 1-0	Peacock
8/25	(Sun)	Lexington SC	D, 1-1	Peacock
9/6	(Fri)	Fort Lauderdale United FC	W, 2-1	Peacock
9/15	(Sun)	Spokane Zephyr FC	W, 2-0	Peacock
9/27	(Fri)	Tampa Bay Sun FC	D, 0-0	Peacock
10/6	(Sun)	Lexington SC	D, 1-1	Peacock
10/15	(Tue)	Brooklyn FC	D, 1-1	Peacock
10/19	(Sat)	Brooklyn FC	W, 2-0	Peacock
10/25	(Fri)	Dallas Trinity FC	D, 2-2	Peacock
11/3	(Sun)	DC Power Football Club	W, 1-0	Peacock
11/9	(Sat)	Spokane Zephyr FC	D, 0-0	Peacock
11/16	(Sat)	Tampa Bay Sun FC	L, 1-2	Peacock
11/23	(Sat)	Dallas Trinity FC	L, 0-1	Peacock
12/14	(Sat)	Fort Lauderdale United FC	L, 0-2	Peacock
2/15	(Sat)	Lexington SC	W, 2-1	Peacock
2/23	(Sun)	DC Power Football Club	D, 3-3	Peacock
3/2	(Sun)	Fort Lauderdale United FC	3:00 PM	Peacock
3/8	(Sat)	Spokane Zephyr FC	9:00 PM	Peacock
3/15	(Sat)	Tampa Bay Sun FC	7:00 PM	Peacock
3/23	(Sun)	Lexington SC	4:00 PM	Peacock
3/29	(Sat)	Dallas Trinity FC	7:00 PM	Peacock
4/8	(Tue)	DC Power Football Club	7:30 PM	Peacock
4/12	(Sat)	Brooklyn FC	7:00 PM	Peacock
4/19	(Sat)	Spokane Zephyr FC	7:00 PM	Peacock
4/26	(Sat)	Fort Lauderdale United FC	7:30 PM	Peacock
5/17	(Sat)	Tampa Bay Sun FC	7:00 PM	Peacock
5/24	(Sat)	Brooklyn FC	6:00 PM	Peacock
5/31	(Sat)	Dallas Trinity FC	8:00 PM	Peacock

Home Games in Bold

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee:	Laura Rodriguez
Assistant Referee:	Joe Suchoski
Assistant Referee:	Jessica Carnevale
Fourth Official:	Matthew Thompson

LEAGUE STANDINGS

RK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	GD	PTS
1	Brooklyn FC	15	9	3	3	11	30
2	Carolina Ascent FC	16	6	3	7	4	25
3	Dallas Trinity FC	16	6	4	6	5	24
4	Ft. Lauderdale United	15	7	5	3	5	24
5	Tampa Bay Sun FC	16	5	4	7	3	22
6	Spokane Zephyr FC	15	3	6	6	-4	15
7	DC Power FC	15	3	7	5	-11	14
8	Lexington SC	16	3	10	3	-13	12

MATCH PREVIEW & NOTABLES

Player Availability:

- OUT - Emily Moxley (leg), Annika Creel (leg), Renée Guion, Charlotte Burge

Matchup History:

- Series Record: 1-1-0
- Last Meeting: 12/14/24, L 0-2

CAROLINA

6-3-7
4-1-4
2-2-3
19
15
10.4
3.9

FT. LAUDERDALE

Record	6-3-6
Home	5-2-1
Away	2-3-2
Goals For	21
Goals Against	16
Shots/Game	11.6
SOG/Game	4.4



ABOUT CAROLINA ASCENT FC

Reaching new heights for women's soccer

OUR MISSION

The Carolina Ascent Football Club is on a quest for soccer greatness. Step by step the club will take strides to grow the women's game, elevate the community and support a more sustainable future for the residents of the Carolinas.

OUR VISION

To climb, to soar, to trek upward and reach new heights for the Carolinas both on and off the pitch.

OUR VALUES

- We STRIVE for greatness, on and off the pitch.
- We EMPOWER the people of our community.
- We ELEVATE the women's game for players and fans.
- We PERSEVERE when faced with adversity.
- We CREATE opportunity.
- We EMBRACE the journey.

OUR IMPACT PILLARS

- Opportunity for Women, In Sport and Business
- Food and Hunger Insecurity
- Mental Health and Wellness
- Sustainability and Conservation
- Animal Welfare

LOGO ELEMENTS

- Rising sun to represent the Carolinas' striking sunrises
- Three dashing stripes that symbolize our mission to grow the game, empower our community, and reach new heights for women's soccer
- The Blue Ridge Mountains that stretch through the western region of North Carolina and South Carolina
- Star from the North Carolina state flag
- Crescent Moon from the South Carolina state flag
- Water to represent the Carolinas' beloved lakes, rivers, and beaches



CAROLINA ASCENT
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TEAM INFORMATION

Name: Carolina Ascent Football Club
Correct: Carolina Ascent FC, Carolina Ascent, CAFC
Incorrect: Charlotte Ascent, Ascent FC, Carolina FC
Abbreviation: CAR
Website: CarolinaAscent.com



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STADIUM INFORMATION

Stadium American Legion Memorial Stadium
Address 1218 Armory Dr.. Charlotte, NC 28204
Capacity 10,500
Year Opened 1936
Reconstruction Finished 2021
Surface Artificial Turf

THE SEASON'S JOURNEY

TRAILBLAZERS

B Hylton was the first player to sign a USL Academy Contract with a USL Super League team.

Charlotte Burge is the youngest professional women's goalkeeper in the U.S. at age 18.

Carolina Ascent FC is the only women's soccer sports team in Charlotte.

INAUGURAL KITS

Carolina Ascent will sport the 'Trailblazer Kit' at home, featuring a picturesque mountainscape.



A sunset along the Carolina shoreline headlines the 'Coastal Kit' which will be worn on the road.



FOR THE CAROLINAS, BY THE CAROLINAS

Head Coach Philip Poole was very intentional when building the club's inaugural roster. One of his goals was to bring local talent back home to the Carolinas to represent Carolina Ascent FC.

Carolina natives on pro contracts: Vicky Bruce, Cannon Clough, Renée Guion, Emily Moxley, Ashlynn Serepca, Josie Studer.

Local players on Academy Contracts: Isa Franco, B Hylton, Maria Tapia, Riley Pickels

INTERNATIONAL STANDOUTS

Eli Hutchinson was called up by the Israel National Team for UEFA Nations League matches in February 2025 and scored her first international goal.

B Hylton was called up by the England U19 National Team for 2025 UEFA Qualifying matches in November 2024.

Stella Spitzer was called into training camp with the U.S. U15 Youth National Team in Atlanta November 14-20.

Charlotte Burge was called into the U.S. U19 Training Camp in October 2024.

PIONEERING MOMENTS

Carolina Ascent set a new record for the highest attendance for a professional women's soccer club game in the Carolinas with 10,553 fans.

Carolina Ascent recorded the first win in USL Super League history.

Vicky Bruce scored the first goal in USL Super League history. Audrey Harding logged the first assist in league history.

#1 Meagan McClelland recorded the first clean sheet in league history.

Carolina Ascent was the first USL Super League team to score multiple goals in a single game on 9/6.

SUPER HONORS

August:

- Philip Poole: Coach of the Month
- Vicky Bruce & Mia Corbin: Team of the Month
- Mia Corbin: Goal of the Month

September:

- Meagan McClelland, Sydney Studer, Mia Corbin: Team of the Month

October:

- Ashlynn Serepca, Jill Aguilera, Meagan McClelland, Jaydah Bedoya: Team of the Month

November:

- Vicky Bruce & Jaydah Bedoya: Team of the Month

December:

- Sydney Studer: Team of the Month

LAST TIME OUT

Sat. 2/23/25 vs. DC Power FC, D 3-3

Carolina Ascent drew their 7th match of the season in a 3-3 battle with DC Power FC.

Sarah Troccoli scored her 1st goal of the season and Mia Corbin bagged her team-leading 5th goal.

TEAMMATES TURNED FOES

Multiple Carolina Ascent players have ties to players on the DC Power FC roster:

- Jill Aguilera and Addie McCain were teammates with the Chicago Red Stars.
- Ashlynn Serepca and Riley Parker played with Felicia Knox at the University of Alabama.
- Vicky Bruce and Adrienne Jordan played together with SC Sand in Germany.

LEAGUE LEADERS

Vicky Bruce (75) and Sydney Studer (73) are first and second in the league for clearances, respectively.

Mia Corbin is tied for fourth in the USL Super League with 5 goals this season.

Rylee Baisden and Jill Aguilera are tied for sixth in the league in assists (3). Josie Studer is tied for ninth with two assists.

Aguilera and Baisden both have created 20 chances - good for sixth-best in the league.

Meagan McClelland is first in the league in saves (39) and clean sheets (6).

Carolina Ascent ranks tied for second in the league in shot conversion rate (15%).



IN THE NUMBERS

USL SUPER LEAGUE RECORD BREAKDOWN

SUMMARY

Overall	6-3-7
Home	4-1-4
Away	2-2-3
Opponent above .500 (at time of game)	2-1-2
Opponent at .500 (at time of game)	2-1-2
Opponent below .500 (at time of game)	2-1-3

DAY OF THE WEEK

on Monday	0-0-0
on Tuesday	0-0-1
on Wednesday	0-0-0
on Thursday	0-0-0
on Friday	1-0-2
on Saturday	3-3-1
on Sunday	2-0-3

MONTH

in August	1-0-1
in September	2-0-1
in October	1-0-3
in November	1-2-1
in December	0-1-0
in January	0-0-0
in February	1-0-1
in March	0-0-0
in April	0-0-0
in May	0-0-0
in June	0-0-0

SCORING

Scoring 0 goals	0-2-2
Scoring 1 goal	2-1-3
Scoring 2 goals	4-0-1
Scoring 3 goals	0-0-1
Scoring 4+ goals	0-0-0
Allowing 0 goals	4-0-2
Allowing 1 goal	2-1-3
Allowing 2 goals	0-2-1
Allowing 3 goals	0-0-1
Allowing 4+ goals	0-0-0
Games decided by 1 goal	4-2-0
Games decided by 2+ goals	2-1-0
CAFC scores first	6-0-3
Opponent scores first	0-3-2
CAFC leading at halftime	6-0-2
Opponent leading at halftime	0-3-0
Tied at halftime	0-1-5

MISCELLANEOUS

Current Unbeaten Streak	2
Home Unbeaten Streak	2
Road Unbeaten Streak	0
Consecutive Games With a Goal	2

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

BY POSITION

Goalkeepers (3)

No.	Name
1	Meagan McClelland
16	Charlotte Burge
40	Riley Pickels
42	Samantha Leshnak
	Murphy

Defenders (10)

No.	Name
2	Josie Studer
4	Vicky Bruce
8	Emily Moxley
12	Sydney Studer
13	Addisyn Merrick
20	Jenna Butler
21	Renée Guion
26	Isa Franco
27	Annika Creel
77	Cannon Clough

Midfielders (8)

No.	Name
3	Giovanna DeMarco
7	Jill Aguilera
14	Taylor Porter
15	Kathrynn González
17	Eli Hutchinson
19	Ashlynn Serepca
22	B Hylton
25	Sarah Troccoli

Forwards (7)

No.	Name
5	Jaydah Bedoya
6	Maria Tapia
9	Mia Corbin
10	Rylee Baisden
18	Audrey Harding
23	Riley Parker
70	Stella Spitzer

BY EXPERIENCE

Type	#
Veteran	19
Rookie	4
Academy	5

BY HOMETOWN

State	#
California	4
Florida	1
Indiana	1
Massachusetts	1
Michigan	1
Missouri	1
New Jersey	1
North Carolina	8
Ohio	3
Oregon	1
Pennsylvania	2
South Carolina	1
Texas	1

TEAM LEADERS

ATTACK

Goals	Mia Corbin, 5
Assists	Rylee Baisden & Jill Aguilera, 3
Shots	Rylee Baisden, 24
Shots on Target	Mia Corbin & Rylee Baisden, 11
Chances Created	Jill Aguilera & Rylee Baisden, 21

DEFENSE

Clearances	Vicky Bruce, 75
Blocks	Vicky Bruce, 9
Interceptions	Vicky Bruce, 25
Tackles Won	Rylee Baisden, 27
Duels Won	Giovanna DeMarco, 65

GOALKEEPING

Saves	Meagan McClelland, 39
Clean Sheets	Meagan McClelland, 6

GENERAL

Minutes	Meagan McClelland & Taylor Porter, 1,440
Starts	Meagan McClelland & Taylor Porter & Vicky Bruce, 16

GAME-BY-GAME STATS

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L/D	G	GA	SH	SOG	SV	POSS%	PA%	CK	OFF	TS%	PK	PKG	OG	YC	RC
8/17	DC Power FC	W	1	-	5	2	-	47.5%	78.5%	2	1	62.5%	-	-	-	2	-
8/25	Lexington SC	D	1	1	12	5	3	50.7%	84.7%	1	1	69.2%	-	-	-	2	-
9/6	Ft. Lauderdale United	W	2	1	8	2	1	47.1%	79.8%	8	3	50%	-	-	-	3	-
9/15	Spokane Zephyr FC	W	2	-	12	8	2	42.8%	66.5%	5	-	50%	-	-	-	3	-
9/27	Tampa Bay Sun FC	D	-	-	9	2	5	35.9%	67.7%	1	2	76.9%	-	-	-	1	-
10/6	Lexington SC	D	1	1	8	5	1	60.1%	81.9%	4	5	73.9%	-	-	1	3	-
10/15	Brooklyn FC	D	1	1	12	5	2	56.1%	79.2%	6	2	64.7%	-	-	-	1	-
10/19	Brooklyn FC	W	2	-	15	7	2	52.3%	83.1%	4	4	73.7%	-	-	-	-	-
10/25	Dallas Trinity FC	D	2	2	4	3	4	42.4%	64.3%	4	-	60%	-	-	-	-	-
11/3	DC Power FC	W	1	0	5	2	3	58.4%	77.6%	6	1	78.9%	1	1	-	1	-
11/9	Spokane Zephyr FC	D	0	0	14	2	4	52.7%	82.9%	2	1	53.3%	-	-	-	1	-
11/16	Tampa Bay Sun FC	L	1	2	7	2	2	41.3%	76.3%	2	1	65%	-	-	-	1	-
11/23	Dallas Trinity FC	L	0	1	12	3	4	52.6%	80%	5	-	70%	-	-	-	2	-
12/14	Ft. Lauderdale United	L	0	2	9	1	4	41.9%	73.7%	2	1	76.5%	-	-	-	1	-
2/15	Lexington SC	W	2	1	16	5	2	45.6%	73.2%	7	3	72.2%	-	-	-	1	-
2/24	DC Power FC	D	3	3	17	6	0	58.5%	76.3%	7	1	69.2%	-	-	-	4	-



2024/25 ROSTER

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Position	Height	Hometown	Previous Club	Name Pronunciation
1	Meagan McClelland	GK	5'9	Kearny, NJ	Odense Boldklub Q	Meg-ann Mick-CLELL-and
2	Josie Studer	D	5'9	Waxhaw, NC	Louisiana Tech University	Josie STEW-der
3	Giovanna DeMarco	M	5'6	Philadelphia, PA	San Diego Wave	Gee-oh-vawn-ah Duh-Marco
4	Vicky Bruce	D	5'4	Cornelius, NC	Western Sydney Wanderers	Vicky Bruce
5	Jaydah Bedoya	F	5'4	New Bedford, MA	West Virginia University	Jay-duh Buh-doy-uh
6	Maria Tapia	F	5'8	Huntersville, NC	Academy Contract	Maria Tap-ee-uh
7	Jill Aguilera	M	5'7	Redwood City, CA	Chicago Red Stars	Jill Ag-you-lare-uh
8	Emily Moxley	D	5'8	Cary, NC	UNC Chapel Hill	Emily Mocks-lee
9	Mia Corbin	F	5'9	Maple Valley, WA	Brisbane Roar	Me-uh CORE-bin
10	Rylee Baisden	F	5'3	Yorba Linda, CA	Perth Glory FC	Riley Bays-den
12	Sydney Studer	D	5'11	Corona, CA	Washington State University	Sydney STEW-der
13	Addisyn Merrick	D	5'5	Lee's Summit, MO	Utah Royals FC	Addison Mehr-rick
14	Taylor Porter	M	5'7	San Diego, CA	Portland Thorns	Tay-lur Pore-tur
15	Kathrynn González	M	5'5	Blakeslee, PA	FC Thy-Thisted Q	Cath-ren Gone-zah-less
16	Charlotte Burge	GK	5'8	Virginia Beach, VA	1.FFC Kaisterslautern	Charlotte Bur-dge
17	Eli Hutchinson	M	5'4	Portland, OR	Keflavik IF	Ellie Beard
18	Audrey Harding	F	5'10	Akron, OH	KIF Örebro DFF	Aw-dree Hard-ing
19	Ashlynn Serepca	M	5'5	Cornelius, NC	FC Pinzgau Saalfelden	Ashlynn Sir-EP-cka
20	Jenna Butler	D	5'10	Gainesville, VA	Washington Spirit	Jen-uh But-ler
21	Renée Guion	D	5'10	Simpsonville, SC	Fortuna Hjørring	Rih-nay Ghee-on
22	B Hylton	M	5'6	Charlotte, NC	Academy Contract	B Hill-ton
23	Riley Parker	F	5'8	Dallas, TX	Tampa Bay Sun FC	Riley Parker
25	Sarah Troccoli	M	5'11	Troy, MI	Åland United	Sarah Trih-cole-ee
26	Isa Franco	D	5'7	Sebring, FL	Academy Contract	Eye-suh Franco
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42	Samantha Leshnak Murphy	GK	5'11	Cincinnati, OH	Pitea IF	Samantha Lesh-neck Mur-fee
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Charlotte BURGE



Eli HUTCHINSON



Audrey HARDING



Ashlynn SEREPCA



Jenna BUTLER



Renée GUION



B HYLTON



Riley PARKER



Sarah TROCCOLI



Isa FRANCO



Annika CREEL



Riley PICKELS



Samantha LESHNAK
MURPHY



Stella SPITZER



Cannon CLOUGH

HEAD COACH: PHILIP POOLE



Philip Poole was named the inaugural head coach of Carolina Ascent Football Club on January 2, 2024. A Charlottean for over 24 years, Poole was selected to lead the team in its inaugural season due to his impressive tenure with the United States Women's National Team (USWNT) and his local ties to the Carolinas. Poole is one of only a handful of coaches in the United States to hold the USSF Pro License.

Poole first joined the ranks at U.S. Soccer in 2012, working as a coach and scout from the U-17 level up to the senior National Team. He joined the coaching staff for the USWNT in January 2020, serving in multiple roles. During his tenure with the national team, the squad qualified for two Olympic Games and one FIFA World Cup. From 2017-2019, Poole was a staff member overseeing the U.S. Under-23 Women's National Team. He also served as the Assistant Coach for the U.S. Under-20 Women's World Cup Team in 2014.

Poole was also a member of the Puerto Rico Men's National Team coaching staff during the qualifying campaign for the FIFA 2014 World Cup.

Poole's professional coaching experience began in Charlotte, N.C. with both the Charlotte Independence and the Charlotte Eagles. Collegiately, Poole's prior coaching experience includes stints with Wake Forest University as the Associate Head Coach, Assistant Coach with UNC Charlotte men's soccer program and one year with his alma mater, Wingate University.

Poole has always been heavily involved in the development of soccer in the Charlotte area. He spent five years as the Executive Director of the Lake Norman Soccer Club before an extremely successful period as the Elite Girls' Director at Charlotte Soccer Academy.

A native of Newcastle, England, Poole played as a youth player with Newcastle United before spending three seasons with Hull City AFC. In 2000, Poole came to the United States to attend college at Wingate University. There, he was named to the Team of the Decade and picked up many accolades during his successful career.

HONORS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- * 5x SheBelieves Cup Champion
- * 2024 CONCACAF W Gold Cup Champion
- * 2x CONCACAF W Championship Winner
- * 2020 Tokyo Olympics Bronze Medalist



2024/25 TECHNICAL STAFF



BECKY HYLTON - ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

Hylton brings coaching experience at almost every level with a passion for player development. Most recently, Hylton served on the coaching staff for the Charlotte Development Academy, a local soccer program dedicated exclusively to girls, since 2020. For approximately 10 years, Hylton served as an Assistant Coach with the Charlotte Lady Eagles in the former USL W League. During her time with the club, the Lady Eagles were National Semifinalists twice. In May 2024, Hylton was inducted into the Charlotte Lady Eagles Hall of Fame.

Originally from Boston, Massachusetts, Hylton was a collegiate All-American at Gordon College in Wenham, Massachusetts. In 2008, Hylton was inducted into the Gordon College Athletics Hall of Honor. She continued her playing career in the USL W League beginning in 1995 which was the highest level of women's soccer in the country at the time. Hylton was rostered with the Boston Renegades, New Jersey Wildcats, and the Charlotte Lady Eagles where she was part of the 2000 squad which reached the league final.



ERIKA DUNCAN - ASSISTANT COACH

Duncan served as the Head Coach of the Carolina Ascent FC USL W League team during the 2024 season. She previously coached the Charlotte Independence USL W League team for the league's first two seasons in 2022 and 2023. Prior to her time in Charlotte, Duncan was an Assistant Coach with the Division I women's soccer team at Marshall University, her alma mater. A native of Easthaven, Scotland, Duncan's playing career reached new heights as she played for Scotland's U17's and U19's. She also competed in the European Championship and earned a spot on the Scotland Women's National Team. Before venturing to the United States to play college soccer, Duncan played three seasons for Scottish professional side, Newburgh Ladies F.C., beginning in 2004.



JACK VUNDUM - ASSISTANT COACH

Vundum joined the Carolina Ascent staff after 11 years with the Wingate University women's soccer program. He was named the Interim Head Coach ahead of the 2019 season in which the Bulldogs posted a 15-5-2 record and reached the third round of the Division II NCAA Tournament. After his successful season in the interim role, Vundum was named the Head Coach beginning in 2020. Vundum is 53-24-16 in his head coaching career, going 29-14-6 in SAC play. During his 11 years with the Bulldogs, Wingate reached the NCAA Tournament five times and competed in the South Atlantic Conference Championship match seven times. While at Wingate, Vundum also served as the Director of Operations and Management for the Wingate International Soccer Academy, bringing in over 350 athletes to attend camps over the years.



EVAN HARVEY - ASSISTANT COACH & GOALKEEPER COACH

Harvey transitioned to Carolina Ascent FC from Charlotte FC where he trained goalkeepers throughout the ranks with the MLS club for over two years. Harvey previously served as an Assistant Coach in collegiate soccer with Limestone College and East Tennessee State University.

From 2010-2014, Harvey played for Catawba College where he graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Exercise Science. While on the technical staff at ETSU, Harvey earned a Master's Degree in Kinesiology: Exercise Physiology & Performance.



MELANI THOMAS - ASSISTANT COACH & IDP MANAGER

Thomas has over 20 years of coaching experience and also has served as a coach educator for USSF and United Soccer Coaches. Working with U.S. Club Soccer, Thomas has been teaching USSF C & D licensing and grassroots courses since 2021, helping current and aspiring coaches improve their skills. She also collaborated with U.S. Club Soccer's Player Development Programs to organize and create National Identification and Development Programs in Southern California. Previously, Thomas served as a coach with multiple ECNL and Development Academy teams, supporting elite women's soccer players. Thomas was also an Assistant Coach and Interim Head Coach of the Iowa Western women's soccer program where she helped lead the team to a Division title and a Regional Championship appearance.

2024/25 TECHNICAL STAFF



BRENDEN SLOMKA - INTERNAL PERFORMANCE ANALYST

Before joining Carolina Ascent, Slomka served as a Video Scout for FC Wil in the Swiss second tier identifying potential transfer and loan targets for the club and tracking progress of scouted players. For three seasons, Slomka contributed to the Syracuse University Women's Soccer Program analyzing game film to create opposition scouting reports, helping Syracuse to its best season as a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference. Slomka also collected, organized, and cleaned data from Playermaker wearables to assess individual progress. In 2022, he worked with the USL W League as a Video Analyst Intern. In 2021, Slomka worked as a Player Development Intern with Syracuse FC, scouting future opponents by compiling reports and tracking key player actions during matches. He also worked with Atlantic City FC analyzing opponents' matches and providing insights on formations and tendencies.



AUSTINTOMAZ - HEAD PERFORMANCE COACH

Prior to joining Carolina Ascent for the 2025 season, Tomaz worked as a performance coach for Grand Canyon University for the men's soccer team and men's/women's tennis teams before becoming the Assistant Director of Sports Performance at GCU. Tomaz also worked as a professor in the Grand Canyon exercise science department. Tomaz has served as the Head Strength and Conditioning Coach at Webber International University. Tomaz specializes in mitigating soft-tissue, non-contact injuries, developing training programs implementing strength and conditioning principles. Additionally, Tomaz has experience at Michael Johnson Performance and the YMCA as a performance specialist.



LANE DAVIS - EXTERNAL PERFORMANCE ANALYST

Davis joined Carolina Ascent in 2024 as the team's goalkeeper coach. Davis has coached for over 30 years, 21 of them at the collegiate level. Davis spent eight years as the goalkeeper coach of Duke University's women's soccer team. Davis also spent time coaching at Saint Joseph's, UMBC, George Washington, UC-Riverside, Missouri State, and Kansas. Davis is also a talent scout for U.S. Soccer, identifying prospective talent for the country's Youth National Teams.



OLIVIA HARALDSSON - TEAM OPERATIONS COORDINATOR

A Charlotte native, Haraldsson joined the organization full-time in 2024. Previously, Haraldsson worked gameday operations for the Charlotte Independence as an intern, preparing all team activities on gamedays and setting up locker rooms in advance. Haraldsson graduated in 2023 from UNC-Charlotte with a major in Communication Studies and a concentration in Mass Media.



JESS POTTS, PT, DPT, SCS, Cert. DN, CSCS - HEAD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Potts is a residency-trained and board-certified Sports Clinical Specialist Physical Therapist. She previously served as the Sports Physical Therapist with NWSL's Orlando Pride providing individualized, comprehensive rehabilitation and treatment plans for players to

maximize performance and overall health. Potts played collegiate soccer at High Point University in High Point, North Carolina.



SUMMER JONES, MS, LAT, ATC, CES - HEAD OF ATHLETIC TRAINING

Jones is a board-certified athletic training. Most recently, Jones was the Head Athletic Trainer for the 2023 NWSL Champions, NJ/NY Gotham FC. She previously served as an Assistant Athletic Trainer for the Washington Spirit, winning the 2021 NWSL Championship. Jones attended

Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina, for her undergraduate education.

2024/25 PLAYER BIOS



#1 MEAGAN McCLELLAND

GK | 8/5/2000 | 5'9 | KEARNY, NJ SHE/HER

- Earned the first clean sheet in USL Super League history
- Recorded 6 clean sheets in 9 appearances in 2024 with Odense Boldklub Q in the Kvinde-DM Liga (Denmark)
- Won the 2023 NWSL Championship with NJ/NY Gotham FC
- Represented the U.S. at the 2016 U17 World Cup
- Five-year starter for Rutgers University (2018-22)

2024/25 STATS

GP/GS: 16/16
Saves: 39
Sv %: 72.2%
YC/RC: 0/0

2024/25 MATCH HIGHS

Shots Faced 6, (10/25 at DAL)
Saves..... 5, (9/27 vs. TB)
Goals Allowed..... 3, (2/23 vs. DC)
Catches 0, (11/23 vs. DAL)
Punches..... 1, (11/9 vs. SPK)
Passing Accuracy 93.5%, (10/15 at BKN)
Clearances 4, (9/15 at SPK)



#2 JOSIE STUDER

D | 3/6/2001 | 5'9 | WAXHAW, NC SHE/HER

- Recorded two assists in her first professional start on October 19, 2024
- Made her professional debut on August 17, 2024
- Signed first professional contract with Carolina Ascent FC
- 5x All-Conference USA honoree with LA Tech
- 2nd in LA Tech program history in minutes played (6,678)
- 4th in LA Tech program history in games started (73)
- 2020/21 United Soccer Coaches All-South Region
- 2023 Conference USA Preseason Defender of the Year

2024/25 STATS

GP/GS: 9/7
Goals: 0
Assists: 2
YC/RC: 1/0

2024/25 MATCH HIGHS

Goals 0, (11/23 vs. DAL)
Assists 2, (10/19 vs. BKN)
Shots 1, (12/14 vs. FTL)
Shots on Target 0, (11/23 vs. DAL)
Chances Created..... 2, (11/23 vs. DAL)
Passing Accuracy 100%, (10/15 at BKN)
Clearances 3, (11/3 at DC)
Interceptions..... 2, (11/23 vs. DAL)



#3 GIOVANNA DeMARCO

M | 7/9/1999 | 5'6 | PHILADELPHIA, PA SHE/HER

- Competed with NC Courage in the 2024 TST
- Won the 2023 NWSL Shield with San Diego Wave
- Selected 45th overall in the 2023 NWSL Draft by San Diego Wave
- Spent five years at Wake Forest University and captained the team for her final three seasons
- Named to 2018 ACC All-Freshman Team
- Competed with U.S. Youth National Teams

2024/25 STATS

GP/GS: 15/12
Goals: 0
Assists: 0
YC/RC: 4/0

2024/25 MATCH HIGHS

Goals 0, (11/23 vs. DAL)
Assists 0, (11/23 vs. DAL)
Shots 1, (11/23 vs. DAL)
Shots on Target 1, (11/23 vs. DAL)
Chances Created..... 1, (10/6 at LEX)
Passing Accuracy 97.4%, (11/9 vs. SPK)
Clearances 3, (9/6 vs. FTL)
Interceptions..... 3, (11/16 at TB)



#4 VICKY BRUCE (C)

D | 5/31/1994 | 5'4 | CORNELIUS, NC SHE/HER

- Scored the first goal in USL Super League history.
- First signing in Carolina Ascent FC history
- Started all 22 matches for Western Sydney Wanderers in 2023/24 (Australia)
- 2022/23 Women's Championship winner with Bristol City (England)
- 2019/20 Kvindeliga Champion with Fortuna Hjørring (Denmark)
- Competed in UEFA Champions League with Fortuna Hjørring and Apollon Limassol
- Started all 38 matches in her junior and senior seasons at Davidson College and won 2012 NCAA Championship with UNC Chapel Hill

2024/25 STATS

GP/GS: 16/16
Goals: 1
Assists: 1
YC/RC: 4/0

2024/25 MATCH HIGHS

Goals 1, (8/17 vs. DC)
Assists 1, (11/16 at TB)
Shots 4, (10/19 vs. BKN)
Shots on Target 1, (10/19 vs. BKN)
Chances Created..... 1, (11/16 at TB)
Passing Accuracy 100%, (9/15 at SPK)
Clearances..... 13, (9/15 at SPK)
Interceptions..... 4, (11/3 at DC)



#5 JAYDAH BEDOYA

F | 3/20/2002 | 5'4 | NEW BEDFORD, MA SHE/HER

- Scored first professional goal on October 15, 2024
- Made her professional debut on August 25, 2024
- Signed first professional contract with Carolina Ascent FC
- Represents the Ecuador Women's National Team
- Played at West Virginia University in 2023
- Spent three seasons at UConn
- 2021 All-BIG EAST First Team and the United Soccer Coaches All-Region Third Team

2024/25 STATS

GP/GS: 13/8
Goals: 2
Assists: 0
YC/RC: 1/0

2024/25 MATCH HIGHS

Goals 1, (10/25 at DAL)
Assists 1, (10/25 at DAL)
Shots 4, (11/9 vs. SPK)
Shots on Target 1, (10/25 at DAL)
Chances Created 4, (10/15 at BKN)
Passing Accuracy 100%, (2/15 vs. LEX)
Clearances 2, (10/19 vs. BKN)
Interceptions 3, (11/16 at TB)



#6 MARIA TAPIA

F | 3/29/2008 | 5'8 | HUNTERSVILLE, NC SHE/HER

- On a USL Academy Contract
- Named to the 2024 ECNL All-Conference First Team
- Selected for 2024 ODP South Region Team and ODP National Team
- Played club soccer with Charlotte Independence Soccer Club

2024/25 STATS

GP/GS: 2/0
Goals: 0
Assists: 0
YC/RC: 0/0

2024/25 MATCH HIGHS

Goals 0, (11/23 vs. DAL)
Assists 0, (11/23 vs. DAL)
Shots 0, (11/23 vs. DAL)
Shots on Target 0, (11/23 vs. DAL)
Chances Created 0, (11/23 vs. DAL)
Passing Accuracy 100%, (12/14 vs. FTL)
Clearances 0, (11/23 vs. DAL)
Interceptions 0, (11/23 vs. DAL)



#7 JILL AGUILERA

M | 1/5/1998 | 5'7 | REDWOOD CITY, CA SHE/HER

- Made 36 appearances for Chicago Red Stars
- Represents the Puerto Rico Women's National Team
- Scored goal against Haiti to secure spot in the 2024 CONCACAF W Gold Cup
- Started all three matches at 2024 CONCACAF W Gold Cup
- Played for University of Arizona 2016-2021
- Holds Arizona program records for career goals (33) and matches played (92)
- 2021 NCAA Woman of the Year Nominee

2024/25 STATS

GP/GS: 16/15
Goals: 1
Assists: 3
YC/RC: 1/0

2024/25 MATCH HIGHS

Goals 1, (9/6 vs. FTL)
Assists 1, (10/25 at DAL)
Shots 4, (11/23 vs. DAL)
Shots on Target 1, (9/6 vs. FTL)
Chances Created 4, (11/9 vs. SPK)
Passing Accuracy 82.8%, (10/6 at LEX)
Clearances 7, (10/25 at DAL)
Interceptions 4, (2/23 vs. DC)



#8 EMILY MOXLEY

D | 10/29/2000 | 5'8 | CARY, NC SHE/HER

- Signed first professional contract with Carolina Ascent FC
- Trained with Orlando Pride during 2024 NWSL preseason
- Played for UNC Chapel Hill 2021-2023
- 2022 All-ACC Tournament Team
- Spent freshman season at UNC Wilmington
- 2019 CAA All-Rookie Team

2024/25 STATS

GP/GS: 0/0
Goals: 0
Assists: 0
YC/RC: 0/0

2024/25 MATCH HIGHS

Goals N/A
Assists N/A
Shots N/A
Shots on Target N/A
Chances Created N/A
Passing Accuracy N/A
Clearances N/A
Interceptions N/A



#9 MIA CORBIN

F | 9/26/1997 | 5'9 | MAPLE VALLEY, WA SHE/HER

- Recorded 8 goals and 4 assists for Brisbane Roar in 2023/24 (Australia)
- Logged 3 goals and 2 assists for Parma Calcio in 12 matches in 2023 (Italy)
- 2022 Golden Boot Winner and 2x Primera División Champion with Alajuelense W (Costa Rica)
- Member of Seattle Reign's 2021 preseason roster
- Played at University of California, Berkeley 2016-2019
- 2016 Pac-12 All Freshman Team
- U-19 United States Women's National Team Pool Player

2024/25 STATS

GP/GS: 16/15
Goals: 5
Assists: 0
YC/RC: 2/0

2024/25 MATCH HIGHS

Goals 1, (10/25 at DAL)
Assists 0, (11/23 vs. DAL)
Shots 5, (2/15 vs LEX)
Shots on Target 2, (2/15 vs LEX)
Chances Created 5, (8/25 vs. LEX)
Passing Accuracy 93.5%, (9/6 vs. FTL)
Clearances 3, (10/6 at LEX)
Interceptions 2, (11/9 vs. SPK)



#10 RYLEE BAISDEN

F | 4/16/1994 | 5'3 | YORBA LINDA, CA SHE/HER

- Scored 5 goals in 7 matches with Perth Glory in 2022/23 (Australia)
- Played for NC Courage 2020-2022
- Won 2022 NWSL Challenge Cup
- Recorded 3 goals and 3 assists in 11 matches for Brisbane Roar in 2019/20 (Australia)
- Awarded Player of the Year and Golden Boot for her 33 goals and 7 assists for Moreton Bay United in 2018/19 (Australia)
- Logged 4 goals and 5 assists for Croix De Savoie in 2018 (France)
- Netted 15 goals in 13 appearances for Skövde KIK in 2017 (Sweden)
- Captained the United States at the 2017 World University Games and contributed 1 goal and 6 assists
- Played at Pepperdine University 2012-2016
- 2016 All-WCC first team and NSCAA All-Region third team

2024/25 STATS

GP/GS: 16/14
Goals: 1
Assists: 3
YC/RC: 2/0

2024/25 MATCH HIGHS

Goals 1, (11/16 at TB)
Assists 1, (10/15 at BKN)
Shots 5, (10/19 vs. BKN)
Shots on Target 3, (10/19 vs. BKN)
Chances Created 4, (11/9 vs. SPK)
Passing Accuracy 83.3%, (10/6 at LEX)
Clearances 2, (10/19 vs. BKN)
Interceptions 2, (2/15 vs LEX)



#12 SYDNEY STUDER

D | 11/17/2000 | 5'11 | CORONA, CA SHE/HER

- Made her professional debut on August 17, 2024
- Signed first professional contract with Carolina Ascent FC
- Trained with KC Current during 2024 NWSL preseason
- Competed with U.S. Youth National Teams
- Played over 7,900 minutes in 91 games with 89 starts across five years in college
- Earned All-Pac-12 honors twice
- Played at Washington State University (2021-22) and Oregon State University (2018-20)

2024/25 STATS

GP/GS: 14/13
Goals: 1
Assists: 0
YC/RC: 3/0

2024/25 MATCH HIGHS

Goals 1, (9/15 at SPK)
Assists 0, (11/23 vs. DAL)
Shots 2, (11/16 at TB)
Shots on Target 1, (10/25 at DAL)
Chances Created 1, (10/6 at LEX)
Passing Accuracy 87.3%, (8/25 vs. LEX)
Clearances 12, (9/6 vs. FTL)
Interceptions 3, (11/23 vs. DAL)



#13 ADDISYN MERRICK

D | 3/4/1998 | 5'5 | LEE'S SUMMIT, MO

- Joined Carolina Ascent FC from Utah Royals FC in September
- Signed with Utah Royals FC ahead of 2024 season
- Played with KC Current in 2022 and 2023
- Selected by Racing Louisville FC in the 2020 NWSL Expansion Draft
- Drafted by NC Courage in the 2020 NWSL Draft and made her professional debut later that year
- Played every match for the Jayhawks during her four-year collegiate career
- 2019 Big 12 Defender of the Year

2024/25 STATS

GP/GS: 7/7
Goals: 0
Assists: 1
YC/RC: 1/0

2024/25 MATCH HIGHS

Goals 0, (10/15 at BKN)
Assists 1, (2/15 vs LEX)
Shots 1, (10/6 at LEX)
Shots on Target 1, (10/6 at LEX)
Chances Created 2, (2/23 vs. DC)
Passing Accuracy 76.5%, (2/15 vs LEX)
Clearances 6, (9/6 vs. FTL)
Interceptions 3, (10/6 at LEX)

#14 TAYLOR PORTER (C)

M | 10/29/1997 | 5'7 | SAN DIEGO, CA SHE/HER



- 2022 NWSL Champion with Portland Thorns
- 2021 NWSL Shield Winner with Portland Thorns
- 2021 Women's International Champions Cup Winner with Portland Thorns
- Played with UDG Tenerife Egatesa in 2021 (Canary Islands)
- Competed in the UEFA Women's Champions League with ZFK Spartak Subotica (Serbia)
- Signed with Orlando Pride in 2019
- Started all 85 matches in her four seasons with NC State University
- Ranks in the Wolfpack's top-10 in program history for career starts

2024/25 STATS

GP/GS: 15/15
Goals: 0
Assists: 0
YC/RC: 2/0

2024/25 MATCH HIGHS

Goals 0, (11/23 vs. DAL)
Assists 0, (11/23 vs. DAL)
Shots 2, (11/9 vs. SPK)
Shots on Target 1, (10/15 at BKN)
Chances Created 1, (11/23 vs. DAL)
Passing Accuracy 92.6%, (9/6 vs. FTL)
Clearances 3, (9/15 at SPK)
Interceptions 5, (11/9 vs. SPK)

#15 KATHRYNN GONZÁLEZ

M | 7/12/2000 | 5'5 | BLAKESLEE, PA SHE/HER



- Played with FC Thy-Thisted Q in 2023/24 (Denmark)
- Scored the game-winning goal for Dominican Republic to secure a spot in the first-ever CONCACAF W Gold Cup
- Made her debut for Dominican Republic in 2021
- Led the Sun Belt Conference in shots and shots per game during her senior season at Marshall University

2024/25 STATS

GP/GS: 13/5
Goals: 0
Assists: 0
YC/RC: 0/0

2024/25 MATCH HIGHS

Goals 0, (11/23 vs. DAL)
Assists 0, (11/23 vs. DAL)
Shots 3, (11/23 vs. DAL)
Shots on Target 2, (11/23 vs. DAL)
Chances Created 2, (11/23 vs. DAL)
Passing Accuracy 88.0%, (11/23 vs. DAL)
Clearances 1, (11/23 vs. DAL)
Interceptions 1, (11/23 vs. DAL)

#16 CHARLOTTE BURGE

GK | 4/4/2006 | 5'8 | VIRGINIA BEACH, VA SHE/HER



- Called into the U.S. U19 Training Camp in October 2024.
- Youngest women's professional goalkeeper in the U.S.
- Trained with Bay FC during 2024 NWSL preseason
- Played with 1.FFC Kaizerslautern in 2023 (Germany)
- Attended numerous U.S. Youth National Team Identification Camps
- Bypassed college to play professionally
- Played primarily with boys' teams in youth soccer

2024/25 STATS

GP/GS: 0/0
Saves: 0
Sv %: 0
YC/RC: 0/0

2024/25 MATCH HIGHS

Shots Faced N/A
Saves N/A
Goals Allowed N/A
Catches N/A
Punches N/A
Passing Accuracy N/A
Clearances N/A

#17 ELI HUTCHINSON

M | 5/23/1996 | 5'4 | PORTLAND, OR SHE/HER



- Represents the Israel Women's National Team
- Started all four contests in spring 2024 for UEFA Euro Qualification
- Played for Keflavík ÍF in 2023/24 (Iceland)
- Won two Ligat Al titles with FC Kiryat Gat in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (Israel), qualifying for the UEFA Champions League
- Also won the Israeli National Cup and the Athena Cup in 2021/22
- Began her professional career with BIIK Kazygurt in 2018 (Kazakhstan)
- Played for Marquette University 2014-17

2024/25 STATS

GP/GS: 5/0
Goals: 0
Assists: 0
YC/RC: 0/0

2024/25 MATCH HIGHS

Goals 0, (11/16 at TB)
Assists 0, (11/16 at TB)
Shots 1, (11/3 at DC)
Shots on Target 1, (11/3 at DC)
Chances Created 0, (11/16 at TB)
Passing Accuracy 70%, (10/25 at DAL)
Clearances 0, (11/16 at TB)
Interceptions 1, (11/3 at DC)

#18

AUDREY HARDING

F | 12/7/1998 | 5'10 | AKRON, OH SHE/HER



2024/25 STATS

GP/GS: 8/6
 Goals: 0
 Assists: 1
 YC/RC: 1/0

- Tallied the first assist in USL Super League history
- Played with KIF Örebro DFF in 2023 (Sweden)
- Made her professional debut in 2022 for Washington Spirit
- Selected 38th in the 2021 NWSL Draft by Washington Spirit
- One of only three players in Seahawks' program history to tally 20 career goals and 20 career assists
- First UNC Wilmington women's soccer player to earn United Soccer Coaches Scholar All-American accolades

2024/25 MATCH HIGHS

Goals 0, (9/27 vs. TB)
 Assists 1, (8/17 vs. DC)
 Shots 6, (9/15 at SPK)
 Shots on Target 4, (9/15 at SPK)
 Chances Created 2, (8/25 vs. LEX)
 Passing Accuracy 85.7%, (9/6 vs. FTL)
 Clearances 2, (2/23 vs. DC)
 Interceptions 3, (2/23 vs. DC)

#19

ASHLYNN SEREPCA

M | 6/13/2000 | 5'5 | CORNELIUS, NC SHE/HER



2024/25 STATS

GP/GS: 13/9
 Goals: 2
 Assists: 0
 YC/RC: 1/0

- Scored the first brace in Carolina Ascent history on October 19, 2024
- Scored 16 goals in 12 games for FC Pinzgau Saalfelden in 2024 (Austria)
- SEC Regular Season Champion and NCAA Semifinalist with University of Alabama
- Ranks 4th all-time in game-winning goals (7) and 2nd all-time in single-season game-winning goals (6) for the Crimson Tide
- 2022 SEC All-Tournament Team
- 2x Gatorade Player of the Year in North Carolina
- Represented the U.S. at U16, U17, and U18 levels

2024/25 MATCH HIGHS

Goals 2, (10/19 vs. BKN)
 Assists 0, (11/23 vs. DAL)
 Shots 3, (11/9 vs. SPK)
 Shots on Target 2, (11/9 vs. SPK)
 Chances Created 3, (10/6 at LEX)
 Passing Accuracy 83.3%, (8/25 vs. LEX)
 Clearances 2, (10/6 at LEX)
 Interceptions 6, (8/25 vs. LEX)

#20

JENNA BUTLER

D | 6/3/2007 | 5'10 | GAINESVILLE, VA SHE/HER



2024/25 STATS

GP/GS: 2/2
 Goals: 0
 Assists: 0
 YC/RC: 0/0

- Played for NWSL side Washington Spirit in 2024
- Played in three matches for the Spirit in the 2024 NWSL X LIGA MX Femenil Summer Cup
- Played for Carolina Ascent USL W League Team
- Five-year member of NC State women's soccer team
- Ranks eighth-most in games played in NC State program history
- United Soccer Coaches Atlantic All-Region Team in 2021

2024/25 MATCH HIGHS

Goals 0, (2/15 vs. LEX)
 Assists 0, (2/15 vs. LEX)
 Shots 1, (2/23 vs. DC)
 Shots on Target 0, (2/15 vs. LEX)
 Chances Created 0, (2/15 vs. LEX)
 Passing Accuracy 86.4%, (2/23 vs. DC)
 Clearances 9, (2/15 vs. LEX)
 Interceptions 2, (2/23 vs. DC)

#21 RENÉE GUION

D | 11/2/1999 | 5'10 | SIMPSONVILLE, SC SHE/HER



2024/25 STATS

GP/GS: 9/7
 Goals: 2
 Assists: 0
 YC/RC: 1/0

- Spent two seasons with Fortuna Hjørring (Denmark)
- Signed first pro contract with FC Gintra in 2022 (Lithuania)
- Won the Lithuanian Women's A League, earning automatic qualification into the UEFA Champions League
- Won the Women's Baltic Football League with FC Gintra
- Four-year member of the Clemson University soccer team
- Served as team captain for the Tigers
- Earned All-ACC honors and the Tiger Newcomer Award
- Tied Clemson's program record for assists in a single season (13) and assists in a match (4)
- Integral part of Clemson's first-ever perfect home record in 2020/21

2024/25 MATCH HIGHS

Goals 1, (11/3 at DC)
 Assists 0, (11/23 vs. DAL)
 Shots 2, (9/6 vs. FTL)
 Shots on Target 1, (11/3 at DC)
 Chances Created 2, (11/23 vs. DAL)
 Passing Accuracy 87.2%, (8/25 vs. LEX)
 Clearances 7, (9/15 at SPK)
 Interceptions 3, (9/15 at SPK)



#22 B HYLTON

M | 4/25/2007 | 5'6 | CHARLOTTE, NC SHE/HER

- Called up to the England U19 squad for 2025 UEFA Championship Qualifying
- Made her professional debut on August 17, 2024
- First USL Academy contract signee in USL Super League history
- First-ever DPL National Player of the Year
- 2x DPL All-Star Selection
- 2023 DPL U19 National Champion
- 2x Charlotte Development Academy Player of the Year
- 3x Charlotte FC/Carolina Soccer Honors Award Finalist for Female Player of the Year

2024/25 STATS

GP/GS: 4/1
Goals: 0
Assists: 0
YC/RC: 0/0

2024/25 MATCH HIGHS

Goals 0, (10/25 at DAL)
Assists 0, (10/25 at DAL)
Shots 0, (10/25 at DAL)
Shots on Target 0, (10/25 at DAL)
Chances Created 1, (8/17 vs. DC)
Passing Accuracy 100%, (2/15 vs LEX)
Clearances 3, (10/25 at DAL)
Interceptions 2, (8/17 vs. DC)



#23 RILEY PARKER

F | 3/31/2000 | 5'8 | DALLAS, TX SHE/HER

- Played with Tampa Bay Sun in the fall of 2024
- Drafted 31st overall in 2023 NWSL Draft to Racing Louisville FC
- Played on loan with Tigres in Liga MX Femenil in 2023
- All-American and SEC Forward of the Year at the University of Alabama
- 2022 MAC Hermann Trophy Semifinalist
- Led Alabama to the program's first College Cup Final Four

2024/25 STATS

GP/GS: 2/2
Goals: 0
Assists: 1
YC/RC: 0/0

2024/25 MATCH HIGHS

Goals 0, (2/15 vs LEX)
Assists 1, (2/23 vs. DC)
Shots 3, (2/23 vs. DC)
Shots on Target 1, (2/15 vs LEX)
Chances Created 3, (2/23 vs. DC)
Passing Accuracy 58.3%, (2/23 vs. DC)
Clearances 0, (2/15 vs LEX)
Interceptions 0, (2/15 vs LEX)



#25 SARAH TROCCOLI

M | 11/15/1996 | 5'11 | TROY, MI SHE/HER

- Played three seasons with Åland United and captained her team for two (Finland)
- Won 3 bronze medals and 2 Finnish Cup titles with Åland United
- Competed in the UEFA Champions League with Åland United
- Signed with Racing Santander for 2019/20 season (Spain)
- Played in every single match of her four-year career at the University of Florida from 2015-2018
- Won 2 SEC Tournament Championships and 1 SEC Regular Season Title
- Captained the Gators as a senior

2024/25 STATS

GP/GS: 7/4
Goals: 1
Assists: 0
YC/RC: 0/0

2024/25 MATCH HIGHS

Goals 1, (2/23 vs. DC)
Assists 0, (11/16 at TB)
Shots 2, (2/23 vs. DC)
Shots on Target 2, (2/23 vs. DC)
Chances Created 1, (2/23 vs. DC)
Passing Accuracy 94.1%, (8/25 vs. LEX)
Clearances 5, (2/15 vs LEX)
Interceptions 3, (2/23 vs. DC)



#26 ISA FRANCO

D | 2/26/2008 | 5'7 | SEBRING, FL SHE/HER

- On a USL Academy contract
- Helped the Colombia U17 national team qualify for the 2024 U17 FIFA World Cup
- Trained with the Colombia U19 team in February 2024
- Competed with the Carolina Ascent USL W League team in 2024
- Played with Charlotte Independence Soccer Club 08 ECNL team
- Selected for the 2023 ECNL Girls Conference Cup

2024/25 STATS

GP/GS: 0/0
Goals: 0
Assists: 0
YC/RC: 0/0

2024/25 MATCH HIGHS

Goals N/A
Assists N/A
Shots N/A
Shots on Target N/A
Chances Created N/A
Passing Accuracy N/A
Clearances N/A
Interceptions N/A



#27 ANNIKA (SCHMIDT) CREEL

D | 7/14/1997 | 5'9 | ZIONSVILLE, IN **SHE/HER**

- Won the 2023 USL W League Championship with Indy Eleven
- Joined NJ/NY Gotham FC in 2023
- Played with the Houston Dash for 2021 and 2022
- Loaned to Sunnanå SK in 2020 (Sweden)
- Signed first professional contract with Göteborg FC (Sweden)
- 3x All-BIG EAST First Team while playing at Butler University
- Coached at her alma mater while recovering from injury in 2023

2024/25 STATS

GP/GS: 2/1
Goals: 0
Assists: 0
YC/RC: 0/0

2024/25 MATCH HIGHS

Goals 0, (10/15 at BKN)
Assists 0, (10/15 at BKN)
Shots 0, (10/15 at BKN)
Shots on Target 0, (10/15 at BKN)
Chances Created 0, (10/15 at BKN)
Passing Accuracy 87.5%, (8/17 vs. DC)
Clearances 2, (8/17 vs. DC)
Interceptions 0, (10/15 at BKN)



#40 RILEY PICKELS

GK | 11/21/2007 | 5'7 | CORNELIUS, NC **SHE/HER**

- On a USL Academy contract
- 2x ECNL Mid-Atlantic All-Conference Second Team
- 2023-24 Queen City 3A/4A Conference Goalkeeper of the Year
- 2023-2024 4A NCSCA All-Conference, All-Region, All-State
- Plays club soccer for Charlotte Independence Soccer Club where she is captain of the Girls 07 ECNL Team
- Verbally committed to NC State University

2024/25 STATS

GP/GS: 0/0
Saves: 0
Sv %: 0
YC/RC: 0/0

2024/25 MATCH HIGHS

Shots Faced N/A
Saves N/A
Goals Allowed N/A
Catches N/A
Punches N/A
Passing Accuracy N/A
Clearances N/A



#42 SAMANTHA LESHNAK MURPHY

GK | 04/21/1997 | 5'11 | CINCINNATI, OH

- Signed for remainder of 2025 season in early February
- Spent past two seasons in Sweden playing for Pitea IF
- Four-year player at the University of North Carolina
- 2017 ACC Champion and 2018 National Championship Finalist
- Holds longest single-season shutout streak in Tar Heel history (over 1,119 minutes)

2024/25 STATS

GP/GS: 0/0
Saves: 0
Sv %: 0
YC/RC: 0/0

2024/25 MATCH HIGHS

Goals N/A
Assists N/A
Shots N/A
Shots on Target N/A
Chances Created N/A
Passing Accuracy N/A
Clearances N/A
Interceptions N/A



#70 STELLA SPITZER

SHE/HER**F** | 4/4/2010 | 5'4 | COLUMBUS, OH

- Made her USL Super League debut on October 19, 2024 as the youngest player in the league
- Called into training camp with the U.S. U15 Youth National Team in Atlanta September 8-13.
- Played with Sioux Falls City FC in the WPSL in 2024
- Invited to U.S. U14 ID Camp and U.S U14 YNT training camp in 2024
- Named to the 2024 ODP National Team
- Previously moved to Dallas to compete with Solar Soccer Club where she reached the 2023 ECNL National Playoffs
- Trained under former USMNT star, Eddie Johnson

2024/25 STATS

GP/GS: 1/0
Goals: 0
Assists: 0
YC/RC: 0/0

2024/25 MATCH HIGHS

Goals 0, (10/19 vs. BKN)
Assists 0, (10/19 vs. BKN)
Shots 0, (10/19 vs. BKN)
Shots on Target 0, (10/19 vs. BKN)
Chances Created 0, (10/19 vs. BKN)
Passing Accuracy -, (10/19 vs. BKN)
Clearances 0, (10/19 vs. BKN)
Interceptions 0, (10/19 vs. BKN)



#77 CANNON CLOUGH

D | 11/10/1995 | 5'6 | CHARLOTTE, NC

- Started all 29 matches she played in for Canberra United in 2023/24 (Australia)
- Played 1,596 minutes for Newcastle Jets in 2022/23 (Australia)
- Competed in all but 3 matches with Brisbane Roar in 2021/22 (Australia)
- Nominated for Queensland Player of the Year and won the 2021 Queensland NPL Championship with Lions FC
- Reached the 2016 NCAA College Cup and won the 2017 ACC Regular Season title with UNC Chapel Hill
- Began her collegiate career at UNC Charlotte

2024/25 STATS

GP/GS: 0/0
Goals: 0
Assists: 0
YC/RC: 0/0

2024/25 MATCH HIGHS

Goals	N/A
Assists	N/A
Shots	N/A
Shots on Target	N/A
Chances Created.....	N/A
Passing Accuracy	N/A
Clearances	N/A
Interceptions	N/A