



NORTH CAROLINA COURAGE 2025 MATCH NOTES

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2025 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp	Time /Result
3/15	Racing Louisville	D, 1-1
3/22	Seattle Reign	L, 2-1
3/29	Portland Thorns	D, 0-0
4/13	Gotham FC	L, 3-1
4/19	Bay FC	L, 1-0
4/26	Kansas City Current	W, 3-2
5/3	Utah Royals	W, 2-0
5/10	Orlando Pride	D, 1-1
5/17	Chicago Stars	W, 2-0
5/25	San Diego Wave	L, 5-2
6/8	Washington Spirit	L, 3-1
6/14	Angel City	W, 2-1
6/21	Houston Dash	W, 2-1
7/9	Tigres Femenil#	D, 0-0
7/25	Chivas Femenil#	W, 4-0
8/2	San Diego Wave	D, 0-0
8/8	Houston Dash	L, 2-1
8/16	Portland Thorns	D, 1-1
8/22	Chicago Stars	D, 3-3
8/30	Kansas City Current	L, 2-0
9/6	Utah Royals	D, 1-1
9/13	Angel City FC	W, 2-1
9/19	Orlando Pride	W, 1-0
9/28	Seattle Reign	8 p.m.
10/4	Racing Louisville	7:30 p.m.
10/11	Washington Spirit	7:30 p.m.
10/17	Bay FC	10 p.m.
11/2	Gotham FC	TBD

BOLD - Home (All times Eastern)
- International Friendly

THE MATCHUP (NWSL REGULAR SEASON)

MATCH DAY 22 | AWAY MATCH 12

North Carolina Courage (7W-7L-7D, 28 pts)

vs.

Seattle Reign FC (8W-7L-6D, 30 pts)

Sunday September 28, 2025 | 8 p.m. ET

Lumen Field | Seattle, Washington



BROADCAST INFO

National: NWSL+/Paramount+
Maura Sheridan, Gary Bailey
World:
Michael Wottreng, Kacey White

OFFICIALS

REF: Elijo Arreguin (1W-3L-1D)
ARs: Fernando Fierro, Bruno Rizo
4TH: Patricia McCracken
VAR: Elton Garcia, Matthew Rodman

KICKING OFF...

LAST TIME OUT: The Courage picked up a second win in a row, beating the Orlando Pride 1-0 behind a late goal from Shinomi Koyama.

RECORD BREAKING STREAK'S: Kaleigh Kurtz broke the NWSL all-time consecutive regular season minutes record on May 24, 2024, in Houston. The two-time Iron Woman snapped Amber Brooks' record 6,483 in the 43' and continues to extend her new record each week, now at 9,772. Kurtz now also holds the consecutive start and minute streaks, both of which sit at 109 heading into Sunday's match.

INSTANT IMPACT: Natalie Jacobs made her Courage debut against Orlando, blocking a would-be equalizer in stoppage time.

GREAT COMPANY: Manaka Matsukubo's next goal will be her 10th in NWSL regular season play. If she scores again this season, she will be the 7th youngest player in league history to his double digits. The six players to do so at a younger age are Olivia Moultrie, Jaedyn Shaw, Trinity Rodman, Alyssa Thompson, Sam Kerr, and Diana Ordenez. Manaka would join the list just ahead of Mallory Swanson.

SERIES HISTORY: The Courage are 10W-5L-3D against the Seattle Reign in NWSL regular season play. The Reign won the first meeting between the two this year, 2-1, in Week 2.

TEAM STATS (*NWSL LEADER)

NCC	STAT	SEA
26	GOALS	26
263	TOTAL SHOTS	190
109	ON TARGET	75
15	ASSISTS	15
79	CORNER KICKS	73
30	GOALS CONCEDED	25
5	CLEAN SHEETS	6
52.12	POSSESSION %	45.81
80.53	PASS %	75.17
206	FOULS WON	187
201	FOULS CONCEDED	194
22	YELLOW CARDS	25
0	RED CARDS	0

NWSL REGULAR SEASON TABLE

Rk	TEAM	GP	W	L	D	PTS	GD	FORM
x-1	Kansas City Current	21	17	2	2	53	+30	WDWWW
2	Washington Spirit	21	10	4	7	37	+6	DDWDW
3	Gotham FC	21	8	6	7	31	+10	DWWWD
4	Portland Thorns	21	8	6	7	31	+6	DDWLL
5	San Diego Wave	21	8	6	7	31	+4	DLLDL
6	Seattle Reign	21	8	7	6	30	+1	LWLDD
7	Orlando Pride	21	8	8	5	29	+3	LDLLL
8	NC Courage	21	7	7	7	28	-3	WWDL
9	Houston Dash	21	7	9	5	26	-5	WLWDD
10	Racing Louisville	21	7	9	5	26	-7	LLLDW
11	Angel City	21	6	9	6	24	-7	DLLWW
12	Bay FC	21	4	10	7	19	-8	DDLLL
13	Utah Royals	21	4	11	6	18	-15	WWDWD
14	Chicago Stars	21	2	10	9	15	-15	LDWDD

NORTH CAROLINA COURAGE RECORD BY NWSL COMPETITION

Competition (played)	Record (W-L-D)	Most Wins	Most Losses	Clean Sheets
Regular Season (186)	94-55-38	11 (WAS, HOU)	6 (CHI, ORL)	71
Playoffs (9)	5-4-0	2 (CHI)	1 (POR, NJY, WAS, KC)	4
Challenge Cup (25)	16-3-6	5 (WAS)	2 (NJY)	10
Fall Series (4)	1-1-2	1 (HOU)	1 (HOU)	1
Summer Cup (4)	1-1-2	1 (MTY)	1 (KCC)	1
TOTAL (229)	117-64-48	16 (WAS)	8 (NJY)	87

NWSL Shields: 3 (2017, 2018, 2019)
NWSL Championships: 2 (2018, 2019)
NWSL Challenge Cups: 2 (2022, 2023)
TOTAL: 7 (NWSL Record)

NORTH CAROLINA REGULAR SEASON RECORD BY OPPONENT

NWSL Regular Season (94W-55L-38D)

Washington Spirit (19)	11-6-2
Orlando Pride (20)	11-6-3
NJ/NY Gotham FC (Sky Blue) (19)	10-6-3
Seattle Reign (18)	10-5-3
Houston Dash (18)	11-5-2
Portland Thorns (19)	8-5-6
Racing Louisville (10)	8-1-1
Chicago Stars (19)	7-6-6
Kansas City Current (11)	4-5-2
Utah Royals (10)	4-2-4
Boston Breakers (3)	3-0-0
San Diego Wave (8)	2-3-3
FC Kansas City (2)	2-0-0
Angel City (8)	3-3-2
Bay FC (2)	0-2-1

NORTH CAROLINA COURAGE NWSL PLAYOFF HISTORY

SEASON	DATE	ROUND	OPPONENT	RESULT	LOCATION
2017	Oct. 8	Semifinal	Chicago Red Stars	W, 1-0	Cary, North Carolina
2017	Oct. 14	Final	Portland Thorns	L, 0-1	Orlando, Florida
2018	Sept. 18	Semifinal	Orlando Pride	W, 2-0	Portland, Oregon
2018	Sept. 22	Final	Portland Thorns	W, 3-0*	Portland, Oregon
2019	Oct. 20	Semifinal	OL Reign	W, 4-1	Cary, North Carolina
2019	Oct. 27	Final	Chicago Red Stars	W, 4-0*	Cary, North Carolina
2021	Nov. 7	Quarterfinal	Washington Spirit	L, 1-0 (a.e.t.)	Washington D.C.
2023	Oct. 22	Quarterfinal	Gotham FC	L, 0-2	Cary, North Carolina
2024	Nov. 9	Quarterfinal	KC Current	L, 1-0	Kansas City, Missouri

Quarterfinals: 0-3-0
 Semifinals: 3-0-0
 Finals: 2-1-0
 Total: 5-4-0



NC COURAGE MATCHDAY ROSTER



UPDATED SEPTEMBER 12

NUMERICAL ROSTER

#	Name	Pos	Pronun.	Hometown (Affiliation)
0	Katie Cappelletti	GK	Kay-tee Cap-uh-let-ee	Fayetteville, NY (USA)
1	Casey Murphy	GK	KAY-see MURR-fee	Bridgewater Twp., NJ (USA)
2	Ashley Sanchez	M	Ash-lee SAN-chez	Monrovia, CA (USA)
3	Kaleigh Kurtz	D	kay-LEE KURTZ	Greenville, SC (USA)
4	Natalie Jacobs	D	NAT-uh-lee JAY-kubz	Coto de Caza, CA (USA)
8	Brianna Pinto	M	bree-AH-nuh PIN-toe	Durham, NC (USA)
9	Olivia Wingate	F	OH-liv-ee-uh WIN-gate	Wilmington, MA (USA)
10	Denise O'Sullivan	M	DEN-ee-se OH-sull-uh-vin	Cork, Ireland (IRE)
11	Feli Rauch	D	FEE-LEE r-OW	Berlin, Germany (GER)
12	Natalia Staude	D	nuh-TAL-yuh st-OW-dee	Atlanta, GA (USA)
13	Ryan Williams	D	RY-in WILL-yums	Denver, CO (USA)
14	Tyler Lussi	F	TY-lurr LOO-SEE	Gibson Island, MD (USA)
15	Payton Linnehan	F	PAY-ton LIN-uh-HAN	Douglas, MA (USA)
16	Riley Jackson	M	Ry-lee JACK-sin	Roswell, GA (USA)
17	Dani Weatherholt	M	DAN-ee WEATHER-holt	Capistrano Beach, CA (USA)
20	Shinomi Koyama	M	shi-NO-mee	Osaka, Japan (JPN)
22	Cortnee Vine	F	Court-knee Vine	Shepparton, Victoria (AUS)
25	Meredith Speck	M	MERR-ih-dith SPECK	Rockville Centre, NY (USA)
27	Maycee Bell	D	May-see Bell	Wichita, KS (USA)
28	Heather MacNab	F	Heth-er MACK-Nabb	Indianapolis, IN (USA)
30	Hannah Betfort	F	ha-ann-uh BET-fort	Charleston, SC (USA)
34	Manaka Matsukubo	F	muh-NAH-KAH MATT-sue-kue-bo	Kagoshima, Japan (JPN)
44	Marisa Jordan	GK	MAH-riss-uh Jor-dan	Hartland, WI (USA)
77	Aline Gomes	F	AH-lee-nay GO-mees	Araraquara, Sao Paulo (BRA)
80	Oli Peña	M	O-lee PAIN-ya	Irving, Texas (USA)

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

#	Name	Pos	Ht	DOB	NWSL Exp.	College
27	Maycee Bell	D	5-11	9/18/00	2nd year	North Carolina
30	Hannah Betfort	F	5-10	1/4/99	5th year	Wake Forest
0	Katie Cappelletti	GK	6-0	9/12/02	1st year	St. Joseph's
77	Aline Gomes	F	5-5	7/7/05	2nd year	N/A
16	Riley Jackson	M	5-6	12/2/05	2nd year	N/A
4	Natalie Jacobs	D	5-8	8/16/97	6th year	Notre Dame/USC
44	Marisa Jordan	GK	6-2	8/6/00	4th year	Purdue
20	Shinomi Koyama	M	5-3	1/31/05	1st year	N/A
3	Kaleigh Kurtz	D	5-8	9/9/94	8th year	South Carolina
15	Payton Linnehan	F	5-4	3/25/01	2nd year	Penn State
14	Tyler Lussi	F	5-7	1/26/95	9th year	Princeton
28	Heather MacNab	F	5-10	10/9/01	1st year	Princeton
34	Manaka Matsukubo	F	5-1	7/28/04	3rd year	N/A
1	Casey Murphy	GK	6-1	4/25/96	7th year	Rutgers
10	Denise O'Sullivan	M	5-4	2/4/94	10th year	N/A
80	Oli Peña	M	5-1	1/7/03	1st year	TCU
8	Brianna Pinto	M	5-5	5/24/00	5th year	North Carolina
11	Feli Rauch	D	5-7	4/30/96	2nd year	N/A
2	Ashley Sanchez	M	5-4	3/16/99	6th year	UCLA
25	Meredith Speck	M	5-3	2/1/93	10th year	Yale
12	Natalia Staude	D	5-7	4/30/01	2nd year	Virginia
22	Cortnee Vine	F	5-6	4/9/98	2nd year	N/A
17	Dani Weatherholt	M	5-8	3/17/94	9th year	Santa Clara
13	Ryan Williams	D	5-8	2/23/96	8th year	TCU
9	Olivia Wingate	F	5-7	1/20/00	3rd year	Notre Dame

TECHNICAL STAFF

Acting Head Coach: Nathan Thackeray

Assistant Coaches: Emma Thomson, Victoria Boardman, Tom Harris (Technical Analyst)

Athletic Training: Mitch Toda, Katie Rosenthal

Performance: Mike Young, Luigi Marino

Operations: Kathryn Page, Matt Holmes, Jess Segalla, Lexi Stewart, Zanna Jackson

				
AHC Nathan Thackeray "Nay-than Thack-er-ay"	AC Emma Thomson "Em-uh Tom-son"	AC Victoria Boardman "Vick-tori-uh Board-man"	#0 Katie Cappelletti "Kay-tee Cap-uh-let-ee"	#1 Casey Murphy "KAY-see MURR-fee"
				
#2 Ashley Sanchez "Ash-lee SAN-chez"	#3 Kaleigh Kurtz "kay-LEE KURTZ"	#4 Natalie Jacobs "NAT-uh-lee JAY-kubz"	#8 Brianna Pinto "bree-AH-nuh PIN-toe"	#9 Olivia Wingate "OH-liv-ee-uh WIN-gate"
				
#10 Denise O'Sullivan "DEN-ee-se OH-sull-uh-vin"	#11 Feli Rauch "FEE-LEE r-OW"	#12 Natalia Staude "nuh-TAL-yuh st-OW-dee"	#13 Ryan Williams "RY-in WILL-yums"	#14 Tyler Lussi "TY-lurr LOO-SEE"
				
#15 Payton Linnehan "PAY-ton LIN-uh-HAN"	#16 Riley Jackson "Ry-lee JACK-sin"	#17 Dani Weatherholt "DAN-ee WEATHER-holt"	#20 Shinomi Koyama "shi-NO-mee"	#22 Cortnee Vine "Court-knee Vine"
				
#25 Meredith Speck "MERR-ih-dith SPECK"	#27 Maycee Bell "May-see Bell"	#28 Heather MacNab "Heth-er MACK-Nabb"	#30 Hannah Betfort "ha-ann-uh BET-fort"	#34 Manaka Matsukubo "muh-NAH-KAH MATT-sue-kue-bo"
				
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PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

#0 Kay-tee Cap-uh-let-ee

#1: KAY-see MURR-fee

#2: Ash-lee SAN-chez

#3: kay-LEE KURTZ

#4: NAT-uh-lee JAY-kubz

#8: bree-AH-nuh PIN-toe

#9: oh-LIV-ee-uh WIN-gate

#10: DEN-ee-se OH-sull-uh-vin

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#15: PAY-ton LIN-uh-HAN

#16: Ry-lee JACK-sin

#17: DAN-ee WEATHER-holt

#20: shi-NO-mee

#22: court-nee VINE

#25: Meredith Speck

#27: MAY-see BELL

#28 Heth-er MACK-Nab

#30: ha-ann-uh BET-fort

#34: muh-NAH-KAH MATT-sue-kue-bo

#44: MAH-riss-uh Jor-dan

#77: AH-lee-nay GO-mees

#80: O-lee PAIN-ya

RECORD WHEN...

Split	W-L-D
Home	4-2-4
Away	3-5-3
Day	1-2-0
Night (After 5 p.m. local)	6-5-7
Turf/Hybrid	0-0-1
Grass	7-6-6
Scoring first	5-2-3
Opp. scores first	2-5-2
Leading at half	2-0-1
Tied at half	3-1-4
Trailing at half	2-6-2
Scoring 0 goals	0-2-2
Scoring 1 goal	1-4-4
Scoring 2+ goals	6-1-1
Allowing 0 goals	3-0-2
Allowing 1 goal	3-1-4
Allowing 2+ goals	1-6-1
More shots than opp.	5-4-3
Fewer shots than opp.	2-4-4
Even shots	0-0-0
More possession than opp.	7-4-5
Less possession than opp.	0-3-2
Even possession	0-0-0
March	0-1-2
April	1-2-0
May	2-1-1
June	2-1-0
July	0-0-0
August	0-2-3
September	2-0-1
October/November	0-0-0
Monday	0-0-0
Tuesday	0-0-0
Wednesday	0-0-0
Thursday	0-0-0
Friday	1-1-1
Saturday	6-2-6
Sunday	0-3-0

2025 REGULAR SEASON STATS (by minutes)

Player	Games	Starts	Minutes	Goals	SOT	Assists	Chances Created	Pass %	Tackles Won	Duels Won	Ints	Fouls	YC
Williams, Ryan	21	21	1890	1	5	1	25	81.27	22	61	33	13	1
Kurtz, Kaleigh	21	21	1890	1	2	0	6	80.47	19	78	25	12	1
Matsukubo, Manaka	21	19	1681	6	24	4	20	77.43	15	87	12	23	4
Bell, Maycee	19	18	1594	0	4	0	4	88.18	21	81	9	10	1
Jackson, Riley	20	18	1520	2	3	0	21	83.37	32	87	10	21	3
O'Sullivan, Denise	16	16	1395	0	2	2	12	85.45	49	113	26	21	2
Sanchez, Ashley	19	15	1227	2	16	1	19	75	10	54	8	4	0
Shaw, Jaedyn	19	10	1002	3	13	1	21	69.32	17	73	7	13	2
Koyama, Shinomi	20	11	1001	1	8	1	15	83.29	12	48	5	9	1
Lussi, Tyler	16	12	968	2	10	0	10	66.53	18	62	8	19	3
Berkely, Malia	11	9	807	0	0	1	5	80.86	6	19	8	2	0
Rauch, Feli	10	8	674	2	3	1	10	79.91	8	18	8	12	1
Staude, Natalia	8	7	663	0	0	0	3	85.87	9	26	6	3	0
Pinto, Brianna	18	6	562	3	6	0	3	75.42	0	11	6	9	0
Betfort, Hannah	15	4	516	1	3	0	5	72.09	3	26	1	13	2
Vine, Cortnee	13	5	480	1	5	0	4	73.68	2	16	4	4	0
Aline Gomes	12	3	314	1	4	0	4	76.84	3	18	1	3	0
Weatherholt, Dani	8	3	273	0	0	0	1	82.35	4	17	3	5	1
Speck, Meredith	10	2	243	0	1	2	7	78.65	4	10	2	2	0
Linnehan, Payton	4	2	171	0	0	1	3	72.22	1	2	2	1	0
Courttnall, Brooklyn	2	0	27	0	0	0	0	75	2	7	1	2	0
MacNab, Heather	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0
Jacobs, Natalie	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	100	1	1	0	0	0

GOALKEEPER STATS

Player	Games	Minutes	SOT Faced	Saves	Goals	Save%	xGA	PK Faced	PK Saved	Pass%	YC
Murphy, Casey	18	1620	74	49	28	62.16	23.1	1	0	80.33	0
Jordan, Marisa	3	270	9	7	2	77.78	4.87	0	0	62.83	0

AVAILABILITY REPORT (UNOFFICIAL)

OUT: Denise O'Sullivan (lower body), Brianna Pinto (lower body), Feli Rauch (lower body), Olivia Wingate (SEI - lower body)

QUESTIONABLE: Ashley Sanchez (lower body)

INTERNATIONAL DUTY:

STATISTICAL REGULAR SEASON INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Courage 2025 Season Highs (*League Leader)

Goals	Manaka Matsukubo	6
Assists	Manaka Matsukubo	4
Chances Created	Ryan Williams	25
Shots on Target	Manaka Matsukubo	24
Fouls	Manaka Matsukubo	23
Fouls won	Manaka Matsukubo	36
Clears	Kaleigh Kurtz	140*
Interceptions	Ryan Williams	33
Tackles Won	Denise O'Sullivan	49
Duels Won	Denise O'Sullivan	113

Courage Game Highs

Goals	Manaka Matsukubo	2
Assists	Several	1
Chances Created	Feli Rauch	5
Shots on Target ...	Manaka Matsukubo	5
Fouls	Manaka Matsukubo	4
Fouls won	Ashley Sanchez	5
Clears	Kaleigh Kurtz	14
Interceptions	Several	5
Tackles Won	Denise O'Sullivan	7
Duels Won	Jaedyn Shaw	13

FULL GAME-BY-GAME RESULTS WITH GOAL SCORERS

Date	Opponent	Result	Goal Scorers
3/15	Racing Louisville	D, 1-1	Riley Jackson
3/22	Seattle Reign	L, 2-1	Aline Gomes
3/29	Portland Thorns	D, 0-0	
4/13	Gotham FC	L, 3-1	Brianna Pinto
4/19	Bay FC	L, 1-0	
4/26	Kansas City Current	W, 3-1	Ryan Williams, Kaleigh Kurtz, Ashley Sanchez
5/3	Utah Royals	W, 2-0	Ashley Sanchez, Kate Del Fava (OG)
5/10	Orlando Pride	D, 1-1	Feli Rauch
5/17	Chicago Stars	W, 2-0	Manaka Matsukubo (2)
5/25	San Diego Wave	L, 5-2	Feli Rauch, Manaka Matsukubo
6/8	Washington Spirit	L, 3-1	Manaka Matsukubo
6/14	Angel City	W, 2-1	Cortnee Vine, Brianna Pinto
6/21	Houston Dash	W, 2-1	Jaedyn Shaw, Hannah Betfort
8/2	San Diego Wave	D, 0-0	
8/8	Houston Dash	L, 2-1	Riley Jackson (PK)
8/16	Portland Thorns	D, 1-1	Tyler Lussi
8/22	Chicago Stars	D, 3-3	Tyler Lussi, Manaka Matsukubo, Jaedyn Shaw
8/30	Kansas City Current	L, 2-0	
9/6	Utah Royals	D, 1-1	Jaedyn Shaw
9/13	Angel City FC	W, 2-1	Manaka Matsukubo, Brianna Pinto
9/19	Orlando Pride	W, 1-0	Shinomi Koyama
9/28	Seattle Reign	8 p.m.	
10/4	Racing Louisville	7:30 p.m.	
10/11	Washington Spirit	7:30 p.m.	
10/17	Bay FC	10 p.m.	
11/2	Gotham FC	TBD	

2025 HONORS AND AWARDS

Player	Honor(s)/Award(s)
Ryan Williams	Best XI (March), Best XI, (April)
Manaka Matsukubo	Player of the Week (Week 9), Best XI (May), Best XI (June)

MILESTONE/RECORD TRACKER

Player	Milestone	Amount Needed/Date Hit
Jaedyn Shaw	50 NWSL Regular Season Appearances	March 15
Casey Murphy	10,000 NWSL Regular Season Minutes	April 26
Kaleigh Kurtz	10,000 NWSL Regular Season Minutes	April 26
Casey Murphy	40 NWSL Regular Season Clean Sheets	May 3
Hannah Betfort	50 NWSL Regular Season Appearances	May 10
Ryan Williams	100 NWSL Regular Season Appearances	May 21
Ashley Sanchez	100 NWSL Regular Season Appearances	May 21
Casey Murphy	50 NWSL Regular Season Wins	May 21
Meredith Speck	100 NWSL Regular Season Appearances	August 22

GAME-BY-GAME LINEUP

Date	Opponent	Result	Starting XI and Subs
3/15	Racing Louisville	D, 1-1	(4-3-3): Casey Murphy; Feli Rauch, Malia Berkely, Kaleigh Kurtz, Ryan Williams; Riley Jackson (Shinomi Koyama - 90'), Denise O'Sullivan ©, Jaedyn Shaw (Aline Gomes - 80'); Tyler Lussi (Hannah Betfort - 67'), Ashley Sanchez (Cortnee Vine - 80'), Manaka (Brianna Pinto - 90') Subs Not Used: Marisa Jordan, Meredith Speck, Maycee Bell, Charlotte McLean
3/22	Seattle Reign	L, 2-1	(4-3-3): Casey Murphy; Maycee Bell (Brianna Pinto - 79'), Malia Berkely, Kaleigh Kurtz, Ryan Williams; Riley Jackson (Shinomi Koyama - 79'), Denise O'Sullivan ©, Manaka Matsukubo (Hannah Betfort - 69'); Aline Gomes (Meredith Speck - 69'), Jaedyn Shaw, Ashley Sanchez Subs Not Used: Marisa Jordan, Natalia Staude, Tyler Lussi, Amber Nguyen, Heather MacNab
3/29	Portland Thorns	D, 0-0	(4-3-3): Casey Murphy; Talia Staude, Malia Berkely, Kaleigh Kurtz, Ryan Williams; Shinomi Koyama (Riley Jackson - 70'), Denise O'Sullivan ©, Jaedyn Shaw (Brianna Pinto - 87'); Meredith Speck (Manaka Matsukubo - 62'), Ashley Sanchez, Hannah Betfort (Brooklyn Courtnall - 87') Subs Not Used: Marisa Jordan, Feli Rauch, Maycee Bell, Heather MacNab, Aline Gomes
4/13	Gotham FC	L, 3-1	(4-3-3): Casey Murphy; Feli Rauch (Brooklyn Courtnall - 66'), Maycee Bell, Kaleigh Kurtz, Ryan Williams; Denise O'Sullivan ©, Shinomi Koyama (Riley Jackson - 66'), Jaedyn Shaw (Meredith Speck - 56') ; Hannah Betfort, Ashley Sanchez (Aline Gomes - 66'), Manaka Matsukubo (Brianna Pinto - 66') Subs Not Used: Marisa Jordan, Natalia Staude, Malia Berkely, Charlotte McLean
4/19	Bay FC	L, 1-0	(4-3-3): Casey Murphy; Feli Rauch (Dani Weatherholt - 82'), Maycee Bell, Kaleigh Kurtz, Ryan Williams; Riley Jackson (Shinomi Koyama - 67'), Denise O'Sullivan ©, Jaedyn Shaw; Meredith Speck (Cortnee Vine - 63'), Hannah Betfort (Ashley Sanchez - 67') , Brianna Pinto (Manaka Matsukubo - 63') Subs Not Used: Marisa Jordan, Natalia Staude, Brooklyn Courtnall, Charlotte McLean
4/26	Kansas City Current	W, 3-2	(3-4-3): Casey Murphy; Natalia Staude (Brianna Pinto - 84'), Kaleigh Kurtz, Maycee Bell; Feli Rauch (Tyler Lussi - 75'), Riley Jackson (Shinomi Koyama - 75'), Denise O'Sullivan ©, Ryan Williams; Jaedyn Shaw (Hannah Betfort - 76'), Manaka Matsukubo, Ashley Sanchez Subs Not Used: Marisa Jordan, Dani Weatherholt, Cortnee Vine, Meredith Speck, Charlotte McLean
5/3	Utah Royals	W, 2-0	(3-4-3): Casey Murphy; Natalia Staude, Kaleigh Kurtz, Maycee Bell; Feli Rauch (Tyler Lussi - 75'), Riley Jackson (Dani Weatherholt - 88'), Denise O'Sullivan ©, Ryan Williams; Shinomi Koyama (Jaedyn Shaw - 64'), Ashley Sanchez (Hannah Betfort - 75'), Manaka Matsukubo (Brianna Pinto - 88') Subs Not Used: Marisa Jordan, Cortnee Vine, Meredith Speck, Aline Gomes
5/10	Orlando Pride	D, 1-1	(3-4-3): Casey Murphy; Natalia Staude, Kaleigh Kurtz, Maycee Bell; Feli Rauch (Aline Gomes - 90' +1'), Riley Jackson, Denise O'Sullivan ©, Ryan Williams; Shinomi Koyama (Jaedyn Shaw - 61'), Ashley Sanchez (Tyler Lussi - 77'), Manaka Matsukubo (Hannah Betfort - 77') Subs Not Used: Marisa Jordan, Brianna Pinto, Dani Weatherholt, Cortnee Vine, Brooklyn Courtnall
5/17	Chicago Stars	W, 2-0	(3-4-3): Casey Murphy; Natalia Staude (Dani Weatherholt - 84'), Kaleigh Kurtz, Maycee Bell; Tyler Lussi (Meredith Speck - 84'), Riley Jackson (Aline Gomes - 84'), Denise O'Sullivan ©, Ryan Williams;

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			Jaedyn Shaw (Cortnee Vine - 67'), Ashley Sanchez (Shinomi Koyama - 60'), Manaka Matsukubo Subs Not Used: Marisa Jordan, Brianna Pinto, Brooklyn Courtnall, Hannah Betfort
5/25	San Diego Wave	L, 5-2	(3-4-3): Casey Murphy; Talia Staude, Kaleigh Kurtz, Maycee Bell (Aline Gomes - 84'); Felicitas Rauch (Tyler Lussi - 75'), Riley Jackson, Denise O'Sullivan (C), Ryan Williams; Jaedyn Shaw (Shinomi Koyama - 75'), Ashley Sanchez (Hannah Betfort - 67'), Manaka Matsukubo (Brianna Pinto - 83') Subs Not Used: Marisa Jordan, Dani Weatherholt, Brooklyn Courtnall, Meredith Speck
6/8	Washington Spirit	L, 3-1	(3-4-3): Casey Murphy; Malia Berkely (Maycee Bell - 53'), Kaleigh Kurtz, Talia Staude; Feli Rauch (Meredith Speck - 83'), Denise O'Sullivan ©, Riley Jackson (Jaedyn Shaw - 71'), Ryan Williams; Ashley Sanchez (Shinomi Koyama - 53'), Cortnee Vine (Brianna Pinto - 71'), Manaka Matsukubo Subs Not Used: Marisa Jordan, Aline Gomes, Hannah Betfort, Tyler Lussi
6/14	Angel City	W, 2-1	(3-4-3): Casey Murphy; Malia Berkely, Kaleigh Kurtz, Maycee Bell; Tyler Lussi, Riley Jackson (Jaedyn Shaw - 69'), Denise O'Sullivan ©, Ryan Williams; Shinomi Koyama (Ashley Sanchez - 76'), Manaka Matsukubo (Brianna Pinto - 88'), Cortnee Vine (Hannah Betfort - 69') Subs Not Used: Marisa Jordan, Talia Staude, Brooklyn Courtnall, Meredith Speck, Aline Gomes
6/21	Houston Dash	W, 2-1	(4-3-3): Casey Murphy; Malia Berkely (Brianna Pinto - 76'), Kaleigh Kurtz, Maycee Bell; Tyler Lussi (Feli Rauch - 76'), Riley Jackson (Ashley Sanchez - 66'), Denise O'Sullivan ©, Ryan Williams; Shinomi Koyama (Jaedyn Shaw - 66'), Manaka Matsukubo, Cortnee Vine (Hannah Betfort - 66') Subs Not Used: Marisa Jordan, Talia Staude, Dani Weatherholt, Meredith Speck
8/2	San Diego Wave	D, 0-0	(3-5-2): Casey Murphy; Maycee Bell, Kaleigh Kurtz, Malia Berkely; Tyler Lussi (Meredith Speck - 83'), Shinomi Koyama (Cortnee Vine - 56'), Riley Jackson (Dani Weatherholt - 70'), Denise O'Sullivan ©, Ryan Williams; Ashley Sanchez (Jaedyn Shaw - 70'), Manaka Matsukubo (Brianna Pinto - 83') Subs Not Used: Katie Cappelletti, Natalia Staude, Hannah Betfort, Aline Gomes
8/8	Houston Dash	L, 2-1	(3-4-2-1): Casey Murphy; Maycee Bell, Kaleigh Kurtz, Malia Berkely (Aline Gomes - 74'); Tyler Lussi (Feli Rauch - 65'), Riley Jackson (Cortnee Vine - 90'+6'), Denise O'Sullivan ©, Ryan Williams; Jaedyn Shaw (Ashley Sanchez - 65'), Manaka Matsukubo; Hannah Betfort (Brianna Pinto - 65') Subs Not Used: Marisa Jordan, Dani Weatherholt, Shinomi Koyama, Meredith Speck
8/16	Portland Thorns	D, 1-1	(3-4-2-1): Casey Murphy; Maycee Bell, Kaleigh Kurtz, Ryan Williams; Tyler Lussi (Meredith Speck - 75'), Riley Jackson, Denise O'Sullivan © (Shinomi Koyama - 46'), Aline Gomes (Cortnee Vine - 75'); Ashley Sanchez (Jaedyn Shaw, - 68'), Manaka Matsukubo (Hannah Betfort - 85'); Brianna Pinto Subs Not Used: Marisa Jordan, Malia Berkely, Natalia Staude, Dani Weatherholt
8/22	Chicago Stars	D, 3-3	(3-4-2-1): Casey Murphy; Maycee Bell, Kaleigh Kurtz ©, Ryan Williams; Tyler Lussi (Meredith Speck - 71'), Shinomi Koyama, Riley Jackson, Aline Gomes (Malia Berkely - 56'); Manaka Matsukubo, Ashley Sanchez; Brianna Pinto (Jaedyn Shaw - 71') Subs Not Used: Marisa Jordan, Natalia Staude, Hannah Betfort, Dani Weatherholt, Cortnee Vine, Brooklyn Courtnall
8/30	Kansas City Current	L, 2-0	(3-4-2-1): Casey Murphy; Maycee Bell, Kaleigh Kurtz ©, Malia Berkely (Cortnee Vine - 74'); Tyler Lussi (Payton Linnehan - 83'), Dani Weatherholt (Jaedyn Shaw - 46'), Riley Jackson, Ryan Williams; Ashley Sanchez (Shinomi Koyama - 74'), Manaka Matsukubo; Brianna Pinto (Hannah Betfort - 74') Subs Not Used: Marisa Jordan, Talia Staude, Meredith Speck, Aline Gomes

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9/6	Utah Royals	D, 1-1	(4-2-3-1): Marisa Jordan; Tyler Lussi (Talia Staude – 46'), Maycee Bell (Malia Berkely – 46'), Kaleigh Kurtz ©, Ryan Williams; Shinomi Koyama (Dani Weatherholt – 78'), Jaedyn Shaw; Cortnee Vine (Payton Linnehan – 66'), Manaka Matsukubo, Ashley Sanchez; Brianna Pinto (Aline Gomes – 78') Subs Not Used: Casey Murphy, Meredith Speck, Heather MacNab, Hannah Betfort
9/13	Angel City FC	W, 2-1	(4-2-3-1): Marisa Jordan; Dani Weatherholt, Kaleigh Kurtz ©, Maycee Bell, Ryan Williams; Shinomi Koyama, Riley Jackson; Tyler Lussi (Meredith Speck – 82'), Manaka Matsukubo (Heather MacNab – 90' + 2'), Payton Linnehan (Aline Gomes – 65'); Brianna Pinto (Cortnee Vine – 65') Subs Not Used: Casey Murphy, Natalie Jacobs, Natalia Staude, Cortnee Vine, Hannah Betfort, Oli Peña
9/19	Orlando Pride	W, 1-0	(4-2-3-1): Marisa Jordan; Dani Weatherholt, Kaleigh Kurtz ©, Maycee Bell, Ryan Williams; Riley Jackson, Shinomi Koyama; Tyler Lussi, Manaka Matsukubo (Natalie Jacobs – 90' +1'), Payton Linnehan (Aline Gomes – 75'); Cortnee Vine (Hannah Betfort – 58') Subs Not Used: Katie Cappelletti, Casey Murphy, Natalia Staude, Meredith Speck, Heather MacNab, Oli Peña
9/28	Seattle Reign	8 p.m.	
10/4	Racing Louisville	7:30 p.m.	
10/11	Washington Spirit	7:30 p.m.	
10/17	Bay FC	10 p.m.	
11/2	Gotham FC	TBD	

2025 IN-SEASON TRANSACTION TRACKER

Date	Transaction
March 21	Signed forward Heather MacNab to short-term contract
March 22	Signed midfielder Amber Nguyen to short-term contract
April 18	Activated Dani Weatherholt from injured reserved
April 18	Short term contracts for Heather MacNab and Amber Nguyen expired
May 14	Hensley Hancuff announced retirement from professional soccer
May 22	Signed goalkeeper Katie Cappelletti
July 15	Loaned Charlotte McLean to Tampa Bay Sun FC
July 24	Activated Sydney Collins from SEI list
August 22	Acquired \$60,000 in 2025 intraleague transfer funds from Bay FC for Sydney Collins
August 27	Signed Feli Rauch to contract extension through 2027 NWSL season
August 28	Loaned Brooklyn Courtnall to Bay FC through end of 2025 NWSL season
August 30	Acquired Payton Linnehan for 46,000 in 2025 intraleague transfer funds from Portland Thorns
August 30	Signed Payton Linnehan to contract extension for 2027 with a mutual option for 2028
September 5	Signed Heather MacNab to contract through the end of 2025 season
September 11	Acquired league-record \$1.25m in intraleague transfer funds for midfielder Jaedyn Shaw
September 12	Signed midfielder Oli Peña through 2026 season
September 12	Acquired Natalie Jacobs via trade with the Houston Dash in exchange for Malia Berkely and \$75,000 in 2026 intraleague transfer funds

TECHNICAL AND PERFORMANCE STAFF



Nathan Thackeray
Acting Head Coach
9th season



Emma Thomson
Assistant Coach
4th Season



Victoria Boardman
Assistant Coach
3rd Season



Katelyn Rowland
Assistant Goalkeeping
1st season



Tom Harris
Technical Analyst
2nd season



Mike Young
Performance Coach
7th Season



Skylar Richards
Senior Director, Performance
1st Season



Kathryn Page
Director of Operations
3rd Season



#0 KATIE CAPPELLETTI | GK | 6-0 | DOB: 9/12/02 | NWSL EXP: 1st Year
 "Kay-tee Cap-uh-let-ee" | **HOMETOWN:** Fayetteville, NY (USA) | **COLLEGE:** St. Joseph's

Signed as a free agent in May 2025

- Started season as a NRI in preseason before signing first professional contract in May
- 2024 Atlantic 10 Goalkeeper of the Year
- Career leader in shutouts in St. Joseph's program history



#1 CASEY MURPHY | GK | 6-1 | DOB: 4/25/96 | NWSL EXP: 7th Year
 "KAY-see MURR-fee" | **HOMETOWN:** Bridgewater Twp., NJ (USA) | **COLLEGE:** Rutgers

Acquired via trade with OL Reign prior to the 2021 season (Crystal Dunn)

- All-time Clean Sheet and keeper games played leader in Courage history
- Became youngest keeper in NWSL history to reach 30 regular season clean sheets
- Member of the U.S. Women's National Team with 20 caps and 15 clean sheets
- Tied NWSL single-season record with 11 clean sheets in 2021 with 96 saves
- Drafted by Sky Blue FC 13th overall pick in NWSL College Draft, but signed professionally with French club Montpellier
- Played collegiately at Rutgers where she was a two-time B1G Goalkeeper of the Year



#2 ASHLEY SANCHEZ | FWD | 5-3 | DOB: 3/16/99 | NWSL EXP: 6th Year
 "Ash-lee San-chez" | **HOMETOWN:** Monrovia, California (USA) | **COLLEGE:** UCLA

Acquired via trade with Washington Spirit prior to the 2024 season (Allocation Money & No. 5 draft pick)

- Led Courage in goals (5) and assists (4) in 2024
- Nominated for NWSL Midfielder of the Year in 2024
- Drafted 4th overall in the 2020 NWSL Draft by the Washington Spirit
- 2021 NWSL Champion with Washington
- 28 caps for the USWNT with three goals and four assists... named to 2023 FIFA World Cup roster
- Played collegiately at UCLA, set Bruins career assist record (42) in three seasons



#3 KALEIGH KURTZ | DEF | 5-8 | DOB: 9/9/94 | NWSL EXP: 8th Year
 "KAY-lee KURTS" | **HOMETOWN:** Greenville, SC (USA) | **COLLEGE:** South Carolina

Signed with the Courage ahead of the 2018 NWSL Season

- 2024 NWSL Defender of the Year nominee and First Best XI honoree
- 2023 NWSL Defender of the Year nominee and Second Best XI honoree
- Back-to-back-to-back Iron Woman honoree in 2022, 2023 and 2024
- Holds record for consecutive NWSL regular season minutes played
- Played every minute of both Challenge Cup title runs in 2022 and 2023
- Scored first three career goals during the 2022 campaign
- SEC Defender of the Year as a senior for the University of South Carolina



#4 NATALIE JACOBS | DEF | 5-8 | DOB: 8/16/97 | NWSL EXP: 6th Year
 "NAT-uh-lee JAY-kubz" | **HOMETOWN:** Coto de Caza, CA (USA) | **COLLEGE:** Notre Dame/USC
Acquired via trade with Houston Dash (Malia Berkely)

- Drafted by the Washington Spirit in the second round of the 2020 NWSL Draft
- Played for the Houston Dash since 2022, returning to the NWSL after spending the 2021-2022 season with Real Betis in Spain
- Played as a midfielder and forward for Notre Dame and USC in college
- Made 66 NWSL regular season appearances prior to joining the Courage, with the majority of those coming for Houston



#8 BRIANNA PINTO | MID | 5-5 | DOB: 5/24/00 | NWSL EXP: 5th Year
 "BREE-ah-nah PIN-toe" | **HOMETOWN:** Durham, NC (USA) | **COLLEGE:** North Carolina
Acquired via trade with NJ/NY Gotham FC prior to the 2022 season (Allocation Money)

- Scored winner against her former side Gotham FC on May 30, 2024 (1-0)
- Five of her 10 NC Courage goals in all competitions have been in the 86' or later, with four coming in stoppage time
- Originally drafted third overall in the 2021 NWSL Draft by Gotham FC out of UNC
- USYNT U-23 team (2022-23); 2019 U.S. Soccer Young Female Player of the Year
- 73 career appearances for the Tar Heels; 2021 MAC Hermann finalist
- Brother, Malik, plays in MLSNP with Colorado Rapids 2



#9 OLIVIA WINGATE | FWD | 5-7 | DOB: 1/20/00 | NWSL EXP: 3rd Year
 "OH-liv-ee-uh WIN-gate" | **HOMETOWN:** Wilmington, MA (USA) | **COLLEGE:** Notre Dame
Drafted in the first round (6th overall) of the 2023 NWSL Draft

- Had two goals and two assists in 255 minutes in 2024, including point-saving equalizer deep in stoppage time against Angel City
- Made seven appearances in the 2023 NWSL Challenge Cup, scoring two goals and adding two assists
- Appeared in 95 games and made 74 starts across five years with Notre Dame, scoring 26 goals and added 11 assists



#10 DENISE O'SULLIVAN (C) | MID | 5-4 | DOB: 2/4/94 | NWSL EXP: 10th Year
 "deh-NEECE OH-SULL-uh-vin" | **HOMETOWN:** Cork, Ireland (IRELAND)
Signed off of waiver wire on July 28, 2017 (Houston Dash)

- First Courage player to reach 10,000 regular season minutes with the club
- Named the second captain in the history of the North Carolina Courage prior to 2023
- 2023 NWSL Second Best XI honoree
- All-time NWSL leader in possessions won (since OPTA began tracking in 2016)
- Won 18 possessions at WAS on 6/29, tying Sam Coffey for most in a 2024 match.
- Two-time FIA (Ireland) Player of the Year, has over 100 international caps
- Led Ireland to first-ever World Cup in 2023



#11 FELI RAUCH | DEF | 5-7 | DOB: 4/30/96 | NWSL EXP: 2nd Year

"FEE-LEE r-OW" | **HOMETOWN:** Berlin, Germany (GERMANY)

Signed on Jan. 17, 2024, following transfer from Wolfsburg

- Made NWSL debut on March 16 in season opener against Houston
- Scored first NWSL goal on Sept. 8 in San Diego for match winner over Wave FC
- 25 goals, 20 assists in 139 Frauen Bundesliga matches (Wolfsburg/Turbine Potsdam)
- 2022 UEFA Champions League runner-up
- 36 caps for the German Women's National Team
- Part of 2023 FIFA World Cup team, playing in group stage before minor injury
- Made senior National Team debut in 2017



#12 TALIA STAUDE | DEF | 5-7 | DOB: 4/30/01 | NWSL EXP: 2nd Year

"nuh-TAL-yuh st-OW-dee" | **HOMETOWN:** Atlanta, GA (USA) | **College:** Virginia

Acquired via 2024 NWSL Draft

- Spent 2024 season on loan with the Tampa Bay Sun in USL Super League, playing 938 minutes. She scored one goal and added two assists in 12 appearances, while winning over 50% of duels and tackles.
- Finished UVA career with the second-most minutes in program history (8,794).
- Drafted in the second round of 2024 NWSL College Draft.



#13 RYAN WILLIAMS | DEF | 5-8 | DOB: 2/23/96 | NWSL EXP: 8th Year

"RY-in WILL-yumz" | **HOMETOWN:** Denver, CO (USA) | **COLLEGE:** Texas Christian

Drafted 40th overall in the 2018 NWSL Draft

- Led all NWSL defenders in tackles won (55) and interceptions (53), while completing 85.65% of her passes
- Drafted by the Courage in 2018 and officially signed with the team in 2019 after spending some of 2018 season as a National Team Replacement player
- Played every minute of the Courage's title-winning 2023 Challenge Cup campaign
- Called up to USWNT January Camp



#14 TYLER LUSSI | FWD | 5-7 | DOB: 1/26/95 | NWSL EXP: 9th Year

"TIE-lurr L00-see" | **HOMETOWN:** Gibson Island, MD (USA) | **COLLEGE:** Princeton

Acquired via trade from Angel City FC prior to the 2023 season (Merritt Mathias)

- Scored four goals in 2024, the second most of any Courage player
- Scored six goals in 2023, with five of those goal being match-winners in 1-0 wins
- NWSL veteran, spending time with Portland Thorns and Angel City before being traded to the Courage
- Princeton's all-time scoring and points leader between both the men's and women's programs and two-time All-American



#15 PAYTON LINNEHAN | FWD | 5-4 | DOB: 3/25/01 | NWSL EXP: 2nd Year
 "PAY-ton LIN-uh-HAN" | **HOMETOWN:** Douglas, MA (USA) | **COLLEGE:** Penn State
Acquired via trade with Portland thorns (\$48,000 in 2025 Intraleague Transfer Funds)

- Drafted 11th overall in 2024 NWSL Draft
- Scored 34 goals and 24 assists in 90 appearances at Penn State
- Signed extension with Courage through 2027 season with 2028 option
- Scored one goal in 13 appearances for the Thorns prior to be traded to the Courage



#16 RILEY JACKSON | MID | 5-6 | DOB: 12/2/05 | NWSL EXP: 2nd Year
 "Ry-lee JACK-sin" | **HOMETOWN:** Roswell, GA (USA)
Signed via the U-18 entry mechanism on July 28, 2023

- Made professional debut as a sub in the Courage season-opener on March 16, 2024
- Competed for Concorde Fire SC in the ECNL and was named 2021-22 Gatorade National Girls Soccer Player of the Year as a sophomore at Blessed Trinity High School
- Scored first Courage goal of the 2025 season against Racing Louisville. Goal was her first in the regular season and second as a professional.
- Played crucial role for U.S. U-20 team at FIFA U-20 World Cup, taking home the Bronze medal



#17 DANI WEATHERHOLT | MID | 5-8 | DOB: 3/17/94 | NWSL EXP: 9th Year
 "DAN-ee WEATHER-holt" | **HOMETOWN:** Capistrano Beach, California (USA) | **COLLEGE:** SANTA CLARA
Signed as an NWSL free agent prior to the 2024 season

- Scored a goal in her Courage debut on March 16 against HOU.
- Drafted by the Orlando Pride in 2016, making 74 appearances for the Pride before being traded to Seattle Reign FC ahead of the 2021 season
- Selected by Angel City in the expansion draft, making 41 appearances across two seasons in Los Angeles
- Spent time on loan with Australian club Melbourne Victory, making 12 appearances and helping the club win the Premiership title



#20 SHINOMI KOYAMA | MID | 5-3 | DOB: 1/31/05 | NWSL EXP: 1st Year
 "shi-NO-mee" | **HOMETOWN:** Osaka, Japan (JPN) | **COLLEGE:** None
Acquired via transfer from Danish club Djurgårdens IF

- Helped Japan to the silver medal at 2024 U-20 FIFA Women's World Cup, captaining Japan through the knockout stages.
- Joined Courage via transfer from Danish club Djurgårdens IF.
- Called up to senior Japan national team during the final international window of 2024.



#22 CORTNEE VINE | FWD | 5-6 | DOB: 4/9/98 | NWSL EXP: 2nd Year
 "cort-NEE VINE" | **HOMETOWN:** Shepparton, Victoria, Australia | **COLLEGE:** None
Signed as a free agent during 2024 August secondary transfer window

- Made club debut on Aug. 25 in SEA and scored first NWSL goal on Sept. 1 vs. KC
- Spent last four seasons with Sydney FC of the Australian A-League Women.
- 30 goals with four assists to lead the club to three straight Premierships from 2020-21 through 2022-23 and back-to-back Grand Final championships.
- Member of the Australian "Matildas" Women's National Team
- Converted clinching penalty in Australia's WWC Quarterfinal shootout against France to advance to the semifinals on home soil.



#25 MEREDITH SPECK | MID | 5-3 | DOB: 2/1/93 | NWSL EXP: 10th Year
 "MERR-ih-dith SPECK" | **HOMETOWN:** Rockville Centre, NY (USA) | **COLLEGE:** Yale
Signed with the Western New York Flash during the 2016 season

- Scored two goals and had one assists after returning from injury in 2024
- Moved to North Carolina with the Courage when the team relocated from Western New York
- Appeared in 10 games in 2023 before missing remainder of the season due to injury
- Had a career-high 81.1% passing accuracy in 2023 before getting injured
- Appeared in 56 games, scoring seven goals and assisting 15 more during college career at Yale



#27 MAYCEE BELL | DEF | 5-11 | DOB: 9/18/00 | NWSL EXP: 2nd Year
 "MAY-see BELL" | **HOMETOWN:** Wichita, Kansas (USA) | **COLLEGE:** North Carolina
Acquired via trade with Gotham FC on August 21, 2024 (\$90,000)

- Drafted by Gotham FC in the first round (14th overall) of the 2024 NWSL Draft.
- Made professional debut as a substitute in the 2024 Challenge Cup.
- Appeared in eight matches with Gotham, recording one goal, before the trade.
- Five-year standout at the University of North Carolina with 107 appearance.
- Second team All-American as a RS senior, two-time first team All-ACC, second team All-ACC, and ACC Freshman of the Year throughout her career.
- Played in the NC Courage Academy for one year prior to collegiate career.



#28 HEATHER MACNAB | FWD | 5-10 | DOB: 10/9/01 | NWSL EXP: 1st Year
 "Heth-er MACK-Nab" | **HOMETOWN:** Indianapolis, Indiana | **COLLEGE:** Princeton
Signed as free agent on September 5, 2025

- Joined the Courage as a preseason non-roster invitee before signing short-term contract in March
- Stayed with the Courage as a training player until signing fully guaranteed contract in September
- Made 72 appearances for Princeton, scoring 13 goals and adding 24 assists



#30 HANNAH BETFORT | FWD | 5-10 | DOB: 1/4/99 | NWSL EXP: 5th Year

“ha-ann-uh BET-fort” | **HOMETOWN:** Charleston, SC (USA) | **COLLEGE:** Wake Forest
Acquired via free agency

- Drafted 37th overall by the Portland Thorns in the 2021 NWSL Draft and spent her first three professional seasons in Rose City before a trade to Utah ahead of the 2024 NWSL Expansion Draft.
- played both as a forward and defender at Wake Forest but has stuck as Pn attacking player in the NWSL.
- Across 2,292 minutes in the regular season, Betfort has five goals and 18 chances created.



#34 MANAKA MATSUKUBO | MID | 5-1 | DOB: 7/28/04 | NWSL EXP: 3rd Year

“mah-nah-kuh MATT-soo-koo-boe” | **HOMETOWN:** Sendai, Japan (JPN) | **COLLEGE:** N/A
Acquired via loan from Mynavi Sendai on July 27, 2023

- Youngest player in NWSL history with multiple goal contributions in back-to-back games
- Named 2023 NWSL Challenge Cup Final MVP
- Joined the Courage on loan during the middle of the 2023 season from Mynavi Sendai of the Japanese WE League, with the deal being made permanent in 2024.
- Appeared in and started six games, logging 481 minutes, one goal and one assist



#44 MARISA JORDAN | GK | 6-2 | DOB: 8/6/00 | NWSL EXP: 4th Year

“MAH-RISS-uh Jor-dan” | **HOMETOWN:** Hartland, WI (USA) | **COLLEGE:** Purdue
Drafted 45th overall in 2022 NWSL Draft

- Made crucial saves in Summer Cup penalty shootouts against Orlando and Louisville
- Made professional debut in Summer Cup
- Ranks first in single-season saves for Purdue with 113, becoming the first Boiler-maker to surpass 100 saves in a season
- Second in career goals-against average (0.91), second in career shutouts with 21, second in career save percentage with .807 and second for wins in a season with 15
- Got married during preseason, changing name from Bova ro Jordan.



#77 ALINE GOMES | FWD | 5-5 | DOB: 7/7/05 | NWSL EXP: 2nd Year

“AH-lee-nee GO-mees” | **HOMETOWN:** Araraquara, Sao Paulo, Brazil | **COLLEGE:** N/A
Acquired via transfer from Brazilian club Ferroviária in July 2024

- Made Courage debut on Sept. 1, 2024 as a substitute against Kansas City Current
- Four years with Ferroviária in Brazil's Série A1
- Since debuting for the club at age 15 in 2021, 31 appearances and 10 goals
- Active member of Brazil's Youth National Teams
- Earned first Brazil senior cap during the 2024 Concacaf W Gold Cup



#80 OLI PEÑA | MID | 5-1 | DOB: 1/7/03 | NWSL EXP: 1st Year
"O-lee PAIN-ya" | **HOMETOWN:** Irving, Texas (USA) | **COLLEGE:** TCU
Acquired via free agency

- 2024 Big 12 Midfielder of the Year
- Made 93 appearances for TCU across four seasons
- Led the Horned Frogs to two Big 12 regular season titles, a Big 12 Tournament championship and three NCAA Tournaments, including two Sweet 16 appearances