



SAN DIEGO WAVE FC

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MATCHUP AT A GLANCE



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0-0-0 (0 points)



HOUSTON DASH
0-0-0 (0 POINTS)

MATCHDAY INFO

DATE: Sunday, May 1, 2022
KICKOFF: 6pm CT, 4p PST
LOCATION: Houston, TX
STADIUM: PNC Stadium
FORECAST: 86 Degrees / Cloudy

REFEREE: ANYA VOIGT
ASSISTANT REF #1: NOAH KENYAWANI
ASSISTANT REF #2: ASHLEE VARNSON
FOURTH OFFICIAL: GERALD FLORES
REFEREE ASSESSOR: CHIP REED

BROADCAST INFO

DOMESTIC: Paramount+
INTERNATIONAL/STREAMING: Twitch

PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

Will be updated 60 min prior to kickoff

MATCH PREVIEW

San Diego Wave Fútbol Club (0-0-0) begins their inaugural regular season nearly 1,500 miles from home as they meet the Houston Dash (0-0-0) on Sunday, May 1st in Texas at 4:00 p.m. PT inside PNC Stadium. The match will stream live on Paramount+ for fans in the US, while international fans can watch on Twitch. The first-ever match between the clubs also marks San Diego's first outside the Pacific Time Zone, as well as Houston's first time hosting a team from California (source: Opta).

The expansion Wave FC put together a 1-3-2 record during the 2022 National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) Challenge Cup, picking up their sole victory on April 2nd in a 4-2 win over Angel City FC. Alex Morgan led the club with four goals (T-2nd in NWSL) over the course of the six preseason matches, while also leading the league in shots on goal (13).

Wave FC's Alex Morgan and Abby Dahlkemper are no strangers to being a part of expansion NWSL franchises. In 2016, a 26-year-old Morgan made 15 starts and scored six goals for Orlando Pride in their inaugural campaign. Then in 2017, a 23-year-old Dahlkemper made a team-high 24 starts for North Carolina Courage in their debut season. That squad went a staggering 16-7-1 during the regular season, but lost to Portland Thorns FC in the NWSL Championship.

Wave FC will aim to extend Houston's regular season scoreless streak, which currently sits at three matches and covers the last 303 minutes they've played. The Dash last scored in the 57th minute (Rachel Daly) of a 4-1 victory over North Carolina Courage on October 10, 2021.

Despite starting the regular season on the road, Wave FC fans will be turning up in force for the club's first-ever official Watch Party in San Diego at "Home & Away" in Old Town starting at 3pm PT on Sunday.



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LAST WAVE FC MATCH: APRIL 23RD VS. OL REIGN (NWSL CHALLENGE CUP GROUP PLAY)

San Diego Wave FC and OL Reign played to a physical 1-1 draw in front of a spirited, sold-out crowd of 6,000 at Torero Stadium. Wave FC goalkeeper Kailen Sheridan slipped on the grass attempting to clear a ball at the top of the 18 in the 13th minute and saw Reign forward Bethany Balcer race in and poke the loose ball over to Ally Watt for the opening goal. After a few close scoring chances from Wave FC's Kelsey Turnbow in the 16th and 32nd minutes, Alex Morgan evened the match in first-half stoppage time with a left-footed penalty kick that hit the left-corner of the net. Wave FC went down a player in the 81st minute after Turnbow received her second yellow on a slide tackle into Reign's Jess Fishlock. Despite playing with 10-players the rest of the match, San Diego's defense held strong through repeated set-piece opportunities to close out the draw and wrap up their Challenge Cup with a 1-3-2 record.

NEW KID ON THE BLOCK

San Diego Wave Fútbol Club is the 12th and newest member of the NWSL. The club's vision is to be a force for good through the game we love and is led by President Jill Ellis, former head coach of the US Women's National Team (USWNT) and two-time World Cup champion. Together with Head Coach Casey Stoney, the club will bring the highest level of world-class, professional soccer to San Diego. USWNT standouts Alex Morgan and Abby Dahlkemper were two of the first players signed to the club that consists of athletes representing six international soccer federations, including US, Mexico, Canada, Sweden, England and Australia. The team will play home matches during its inaugural season at their temporary home, University of San Diego's Torero Stadium, before moving into their permanent home at Snapdragon Stadium (completion of construction scheduled for September 2022).

The inaugural regular season home opener is Saturday, May 7th against NJ/NY Gotham FC, while the first-ever home match at Snapdragon Stadium will be on Saturday, September 17th vs. Angel City FC.



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DIFFERENCES BETWEEN WAVE AND DASH

Heading into the regular season opener, below are 2022 NWSL Challenge Cup team stats that showcase the differences between Wave FC and Dash. The number in parenthesis is the respective league ranking out of all 12 clubs in the NWSL:

Stat	San Diego Wave FC	Houston Dash
Goals	9 (5th)	7 (9th)
Assists	6 (4th)	3 (9th)
Shots	66 (3rd)	49 (10th)
Shots on Goal	38 (2nd)	22 (10th)
Offsides	13 (5th)	20 (Tied 1st - Most)
Yellow Cards	9 (5th)	12 (1st - Most)

SHARING THE SCORING WEALTH

Six players accounted for San Diego's nine goals over the course of Challenge Cup play. Two of those were from rookies Amirah Ali and Belle Briede, whereas the others to join the scoring were Alex Morgan (four goals), Jodie Taylor (one), Kaleigh Riehl (one) and Taylor Kornieck (one).

All nine Wave FC goals came from inside the box.

Six different players have recorded an assist: Marleen Schimmer, Christen Westphal, Belle Briede, Taylor Kornieck, Alex Morgan and Kelsey Turnbow.

Kornieck, Belle Briede and Alex Morgan were the only three Wave players during the Challenge Cup to tally at least one goal and an assist.



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AMONG THE CHALLENGE CUP LEAGUE LEADERS

At the end of six Challenge Cup matches, Alex Morgan led all NWSL players with 13 shots on goal. Her 20 total shots tied for the league lead with Angel City FC's Christen Press, whereas Morgan's four goals ranked tied for second with four others. Washington Spirit attacker Ashley Hatch led all scorers with 5.

Wave FC defender Tegan McGrady led all players with 3 yellow cards.

A LOOK AT THE MINUTES PLAYED

For expansion Wave FC, a total of 19 players saw action over the course of the Challenge Cup. Christen Westphal was the only one to see action in every minute of the preseason (six starts, 540 minutes), while rookie Naomi Girma followed closely with 475 minutes (five starts). Other rookies to see action over the course of the six matches were Belle Briede (one goal, one assist), Marleen Schimmer (one assist) and Taylor Hansen. Both forward Sofia Jakobsson (327 minutes) and goalkeeper Carly Telford (two starts) received their first taste of NWSL action after extensive professional careers abroad.

A TALE OF THE CHALLENGE CUP HALVES

Wave FC was outscored 9-4 by their opponents in the first half of six Challenge Cup matches, whereas they held a 5-2 scoring advantage in the second half. Six of those nine first-half goals allowed by Wave FC came within the first 13 minutes of play. Over the course of the six matches, the Wave only ever scored first once (win vs. Angel City on 4/2, Jodie Taylor 19').

ANOTHER FIRST AHEAD

The first-ever regular season home match for Wave FC will come six days after their match against Houston with a 7:00 p.m. PT kickoff against NJ/NY Gotham FC at Torero Stadium on Saturday, May 7th. Wave sold out two of their three preseason matches during Challenge Cup Group Play and is on track towards another sell out for the May 7th opener. Remaining tickets for the historic regular season opener and all 2022 home matches at Torero Stadium are on sale now through sandiegowavefc.com.



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WRITING HISTORY FOR THEIR ALMA MATER

Midfielder Marleen Schimmer (Grand Canyon University) and defender Taylor Hansen (University of Montana) are the first players in their respective school's history to play in the NWSL.

Schimmer, who was drafted ninth overall by the Wave in the National Women's Soccer League Draft, was named 2021 WAC Offensive Player of the Year and made the All-WAC first team after leading GCU to the program's first WAC regular-season title, first WAC Tournament championship and first NCAA tournament appearance (source: GCU). During her two years with GCU, she set new school records in goals (17), assists (18), points (52), shots attempted and shots on goal.

Hansen, who made the club as a non-roster invitee, was a two-time All-Big Sky Conference defender with 92 matches played (1st in school history) and 81 starts (2nd in school history) over her four years. She scored three goals for the Grizzlies and ranks sixth in program history with 15 assists.

BIG FOLLOWING IN STADIUM AND ACROSS AIRWAVES

Over three preseason home matches, San Diego Wave FC drew 17,158 total fans and recorded two sellouts. The average 5,720 per-match-attendance (Torero Stadium capacity is 6,000) ranked third among all teams.

In a battle between the two 2022 NWSL expansion clubs, San Diego picked up their first win in club history with a 4-2 decision against Angel City FC on April 2nd. The match, which was broadcast nationally on CBS, drew an television audience of 456,000 viewers and ranked amongst other notable leagues such as the Premier League and MLS, while outperforming nationally-televised NHL games that same weekend. The powerful viewership has since led to Wave FC earning two additional CBS national broadcasts during the 2022 regular season. The first of the two will come on June 19th at NJ/NY Gotham FC, with the next occurring on September 10th at Washington Spirit. The three total slots on CBS national are the most amongst all NWSL clubs this season.



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INTERNATIONAL DUTY CALLS

In recent weeks, Wave FC has had five players head off for international duty: Abby Dahlkemper and Naomi Girma (USA), Kailen Sheridan (Canada), Sofía Jakobsson (SWE), and Emily Van Egmond (AUS).

For the 21-year-old Girma, whom Wave FC selected with the No. 1 overall pick in the 2022 NWSL Draft out of Stanford University, it marked her first international cap with the U.S. Women's National Team. Previously in her career, she captained the U-20 Women's National Team and also had runs with the U-19 and U-17 National Teams.



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2022 WAVE FC SCHEDULE

2022 NWSL CHALLENGE CUP

DATE	OPPONENT	VENUE	TIME/RESULT
Sat. March 19	Angel City FC	Cal State Fullerton	D - 1-1
Sat. March 26	Portland Thorns	University of San Diego - Torero Stadium	L, 1-0
Sat. April 2	Angel City FC	University of San Diego - Torero Stadium	W, 4-2
Thur. April 14	OL Reign	Lumen Field	L, 3-1
Sun. April 17	Portland Thorns	Providence Park	L, 3-2
Sat. April 23	OL Reign	University of San Diego - Torero Stadium	T, 1-1

2022 NWSL REGULAR SEASON

DATE	OPPONENT	VENUE	TIME/RESULT
Sat. May 1	Houston Dash	GothamPNC Stadium	4:00pm
Sat. May 7	FC	University of San Diego - Torero Stadium	7:00pm
Sun. May 15	Chicago Red Stars	SeatGeek Stadium	2:00pm
Wed. May 18	Racing Louisville	Lynn Family Stadium	4:30pm
Sun. May 22	North Carolina Courage	Sahlen's Stadium	11:00am
Sun. May 29	OL Reign	Cheney Stadium	12:00pm
Sat. June 4	Kansas City Current	Children's Mercy Park	5:30pm
Wed. June 8	Portland Thorns	University of San Diego - Torero Stadium	7:00pm
Sun. June 12	OL Reign	University of San Diego - Torero Stadium	2:00pm
Sun. June 19	Gotham FC	Red Bull Arena	1:00pm
Sun. July 3	Washington Spirit	University of San Diego - Torero Stadium	2:00pm
Sat. July 9	Angel City FC	Cal State Fullerton	7:30pm
Fri. July 15	Racing Louisville	University of San Diego - Torero Stadium	7:00pm
Sat. July 30	Chicago Red Stars	University of San Diego - Torero Stadium	5:00pm
Sun. Aug 7	Kansas City Current	University of San Diego - Torero Stadium	2:00pm
Sat. Aug 13	Orlando Pride	University of San Diego - Torero Stadium	7:30pm
Sat. Aug 20	Houston Dash	University of San Diego - Torero Stadium	7:00pm
Sat. Aug 27	Portland Thorns	Providence Park	7:30pm
Sat. Sept 10	Washington Spirit	Audi Field	2:00pm
Sat. Sept 17	Angel City FC	Snapdragon Stadium	6:30pm
Sun. Sept 25	Orlando Pride	Exploria Stadium	4:00pm
Fri. Sept 30	North Carolina Courage	Snapdragon Stadium	6:30pm

All times listed are in PST



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NO.	NAME	PLACE OF BIRTH	LAST TEAM
1	Sheridan, Kailen	Pickering, Ontario, Canada	NY/NJ Gotham FC
2	Dahlkemper, Abby	Menlo Park, CA	Houston Dash
4	Girma, Naomi	San Jose, CA	Stanford University
5	Van Egmond, Emily	Newcastle, Australia	Orlando, Pride
6	Turnbow, Kelsey	Nashville, TN	Chicago Red Stars
7	Ali, Amirah	Voorhees, NJ	Portland Thorns
9	Taylor, Jodie	Birkenhead, England	Orlando Pride
10	Jokobsson, Sofia	Örnköldsvik, Sweden	Bayern Munich
13	Morgan, Alex	San Dimas, CA	Orlando Pride
14	McNabb, Kristin	Montville, New Jersey	OL Reign
15	Doniak, Makenzy	Chino Hills, CA	Chicago Red Stars
17	Pulver, Sydney	Parker, CO	Washington State University
18	Riehl, Kaleigh	Fairfax Station, VA	Racing Louisville FC
19	McGrady, Tegan	San Jose, CA	Washington Spirit



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NO.	NAME	PLACE OF BIRTH	LAST TEAM
20	Westphal, Christen	Brecksville, OH	Portland Thorns
21	Telford, Carly	Jesmond, England	Chelsea FC
22	Kornieck, Taylor	Troy, MI	Orlando Pride
23	Briede, Belle	Alpharetta, GA	Stanford University
25	Bruster, Kayla	Atlanta, GA	The University of Georgia
26	Gyau, Mia	Colesville, MD	Duke University
27	Schimmer, Marleen	Mainz, Germany	Arizona State & Grand Canyon University
29	Hansen, Taylor	San Diego, CA	University of Montana
31	Lowder, Melissa	San Diego, CA	Utah Royals
33	Johnson, Katie	Monrovia, CA	Chicago Rd



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2022 SAN DIEGO WAVE ROSTER - ALPHABETICAL (First Name)

NO.	NAME	POS.	HEIGHT	DOB	HOMETOWN	COLLEGE/SCHOOL
2	Abby Dahlkemper	DEF	5'7"	5/13/93	Menlo Park, CA	UCLA
13	Alex Morgan	FWD	5'7"	7/2/89	Diamond Bar, CA	UC Berkeley
7	Amirah Ali	FWD	5'8"	12/07/98	Voorhees, NJ	Rutgers University
23	Belle Briede	MID	5'6"	10/3/98	Alpharetta, GA	Stanford
28	Carly Telford	GK	5'9"	7/7/87	Jesmond, England	Gateshead College
20	Christen Westphal	DEF	5'6"	9/2/93	Brecksville, OH	University of Florida
5	Emily van Egmond	MID	5'10"	7/12/93	Newcastle, Australia	Lake Ginninderra College
9	Jodie Taylor	FWD	5'6"	5/17/86	Birkenhead, England	Oregon State University
1	Kailen Sheridan	GK	5'8"	7/16/95	Pickering, Ontario, Canada	Clemson University
18	Kaleigh Riehl	DEF	5'8"	10/21/96	Fairfax Station, VA	Penn State University
33	Katie Johnson	FWD	5'8"	9/14/94	Monrovia, CA	University of Southern California



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NO.	NAME	POS.	HEIGHT	DOB	HOMETOWN	COLLEGE/SCHOOL
25	Kayla Bruster	DEF	5'7"	4/29/99	Atlanta, GA	The University of Georgia
6	Kelsey Turnbow	FWD	5'8"	1/10/99	Nashville, TN	Santa Clara University
14	Kristen McNabb	DEF	5'5"	4/17/94	Montville, NJ	The University of Virginia
15	Makenzy Doniak	FWD	5'8"	2/25/94	Chino Hills, CA	The University of Virginia
27	Marleen Schimmer	MID	5'6"	10/23/00	Mainz, Germany	Arizona State & Grand Canyon University
31	Melissa Lowder	GK	5'8"	1/29/97	San Diego, CA	Stanford
26	Mia Gyau	DEF	5'4"	6/22/98	Colesville, MD	Duke University
4	Naomi Girma	DEF	5'7"	6/14/00	San Jose, CA	Stanford
10	Sofia Jakobsson	FWD	5'10"	4/23/90	Örnsköldsvik, Sweden	
17	Sydney Pulver	MID	5'9"	8/20/99	Parker, CO	Washington State University
29	Taylor Hansen	DEF	5'4"	4/4/99	San Diego, CA	University of Montana



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NO.	NAME	POS.	HEIGHT	DOB	HOMETOWN	COLLEGE/SCHOOL
22	Taylor Kornieck	MID	6'1"	11/22/98	Troy, MI	The University of Colorado Boulder
19	Tegan McGrady	DEF	5'6"	10/11/97	San Jose, CA	Stanford



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NAME	GP	GS	MIN	A	SH	SO G	PS	PS%	CK	OFF	FC	FW	YC	RC
Abby Dahlkemper	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alex Morgan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amirah Ali	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Belle Briede	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carly Telford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Christen Westphal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Emily van Egmond	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jodie Taylor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kailen Sheridan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kaleigh Riehl	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Katie Johnson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kayla Bruster	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kelsey Turnbow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kristen McNabb	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Makenzy Doniak	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marleen Schimmer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Melissa Lowder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mia Gyau	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Naomi Girma	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sofia Jakobsson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



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NAME	GP	GS	MIN	A	SH	SOG	PS	PS%	CK	OFF	FC	FW	YC	RC
Sydney Pulver	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taylor Hansen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taylor Kornieck	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tegan McGrady	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

GOALKEEPERS

NAME	GP	GS	MIN	GA	GAA	SV	SV%	CS	W-L-D
Carly Telford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0
Kailen Sheridan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0
Melissa Lowder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0



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San Diego Wave FC Players with the Most...

TITLE	NAME
Appearances	Ali, Briede, Dahlkemper, etc. 0
Substitution On	Ali, Briede, Dahlkemper, etc. 0
Substitution Off	Ali, Briede, Dahlkemper, etc. 0
Goals	Ali, Briede, Dahlkemper, etc. 0
Shots on Target	Ali, Briede, Dahlkemper, etc. 0
Shots off Target	Ali, Briede, Dahlkemper, etc. 0
Assists	Ali, Briede, Dahlkemper, etc. 0
Passes Attempted	Ali, Briede, Dahlkemper, etc. 0
Passes in Own Half	Ali, Briede, Dahlkemper, etc. 0
Passes in Opp Half	Ali, Briede, Dahlkemper, etc. 0
Crosses Attempted	Ali, Briede, Dahlkemper, etc. 0
Dribbles Attempted	Ali, Briede, Dahlkemper, etc. 0
Tackles Attempted	Ali, Briede, Dahlkemper, etc. 0
Clearances	Ali, Briede, Dahlkemper, etc. 0
Block	Ali, Briede, Dahlkemper, etc. 0
Interceptions	Ali, Briede, Dahlkemper, etc. 0
Fouls Conceded	Ali, Briede, Dahlkemper, etc. 0
Fouls Won	Ali, Briede, Dahlkemper, etc. 0
Offsides	Ali, Briede, Dahlkemper, etc. 0
Yellow Cards	Ali, Briede, Dahlkemper, etc. 0
Red Cards	Ali, Briede, Dahlkemper, etc. 0



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COACHES BIOS

CASEY STONEY, HEAD COACH

Casey was named head coach of San Diego Wave Fútbol Club, the 12th and newest franchise of the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL), on July 14, 2021.

Prior to joining the Wave FC and the NWSL, Stoney served as Manager of Manchester United Women. There she led Manchester United to 52 wins in 77 competitive matches and secured promotion with the 2018-19 Football Association Women's Championship title in her inaugural season with the club. The team finished 4th in the 2019-20 and 2020-21 campaigns in the FA WSL, coming within a single point of qualifying for the Champions League in her last year with the club.

As a player, Stoney is the former captain of England, earning 130 international caps between 2000-2017, leading the team to a semifinal appearance at UEFA Women's Euro 2017 and playing in three World Cups ('07, '11, '15). Additionally, she played for Great Britain at the 2012 London Olympics helping them reach the quarterfinals.

Stoney began her club career at 12 years old with Chelsea Ladies before moving to Arsenal Ladies in 1999. Stoney joined Charlton Athletic Ladies in 2002 captaining the team and leading them to their first FA Women's Cup final. In July 2007, Stoney re-signed with Chelsea and served as player-manager for a portion of the 2009 season, giving her a taste of what was to come. In 2010 she signed with FA WSL club Lincoln, before returning to Arsenal in 2014. Stoney's finished her illustrious 19-year professional career at Liverpool from 2016-18.

Stoney prides herself on a coaching style that empowers players to be decision makers, and intimately understands the pressure and emotion of playing at the highest level. Determined to provide support for her team both on and off the pitch, Stoney strives to create a high-performance environment that fosters the open communication and supportive relationships.

Stoney will be joined in San Diego by wife Megan and their three children.





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RICH GUNNEY, ASSISTANT COACH

Gunney was named assistant coach of San Diego Wave Fútbol Club on November 23, 2021.

Gunney joins Wave FC following five seasons with the Portland Thorns. During his time in Portland Gunney helped lead the club to four NWSL playoff appearances (2017-19 and 2021), two NWSL Finals appearances (2017 and 2018), Challenge Cup Championship in 2021, NWSL Shield in 2021 and NWSL Championship in 2017.

Prior to arriving in the NWSL, Gunney spent five years working for National Association of Wales as Head Coach of senior Men's Indoor National Team (Futsal) and an additional five years working for English Premier League club Fulham FC as Technical Director of Girls Academy developing players for England Youth National teams. He's served as Coach Educator for two national associations.

Gunney is a UEFA A license coach from Cardiff, Wales and attended Staffordshire University where he received a BSC honors in Sports and Exercise Science.





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VICTORIA BOARDMAN, ASSISTANT COACH

Boardman was named assistant coach of Wave FC under head coach Casey Stoney and assistant coach Rich Gunney.

She joins Wave FC from Beach Fútbol Club in Southern California where she was head coach of the club's ECNL teams she also coached in the US Soccer Development Academy (USSDA). She has served as a US Soccer Federation Youth National Team assistant coach and network scout since 2020. In addition to Beach FC, Boardman has worked with La Premier FC and also served as a Region IV Head Coach, EPD and ODP Head Coach for Washington and Cal South.

Boardman is a former professional and youth international player on U16-U19 England youth national teams. Her playing career spanned a number of clubs in the US and England, Seattle Sounders, LA Strikers, Barnet FC, Millwall FC, West Ham FC and Arsenal FC Academy.

Boardman holds a USSF A License and a UEFA B coaching license.

Originally from Brentwood, Essex, UK, Boardman studied at California State University, Long Beach earning a bachelor's degree in kinesiology and exercise science.





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PLAYER BIOS

Abby Dahlkemper

Pronunciation: Ah-Bee Daal-Kem-Per (Click [HERE](#) for audio)

Position: Defender

Height: 5'7

Jersey Number: 2

DOB: May 13, 1993

Age: 28

Hometown: Menlo Park, CA

Citizenship: USA

College: UCLA

Last Club: Houston Dash



Dahlkemper is one of the most decorated defenders in NWSL. She has played in the league since 2015, winning three NWSL Championships and being named to the Best XI three times. She earned NWSL Defender of the Year honors in 2017.

How Acquired: Dahlkemper was acquired via a three-way trade ahead of Wave FC's inaugural '22 season that included North Carolina Courage and the Houston Dash

Professional: In 2013, Dahlkemper signed with the Pali Blues in the W-League. The team won the western conference title and the National Championship in the same year. Dahlkemper was drafted in 2015 to the Western New York Flash as the third overall pick and helped the club win the 2016 NWSL Championship. She joined the North Carolina Courage in 2017 after the Western New York Flash were sold to the owners of North Carolina. At North Carolina she was named to the NWSL Best XI and voted NWSL Defender of the Year for the 2017 season. In 2018, Dahlkemper won another NWSL Championship and was named to the NWSL Best XI for a second consecutive year and finalist for Defender of the Year. In 2021 Dahlkemper joined Manchester City on loan from NC and later that year was announced as the first player signed by San Diego Wave FC.

International: Dahlkemper has represented the U.S. since 2010 when she first appeared for the U-17s and was a team captain. In 2016 Dahlkemper joined the U.S. Women's National Team and never looked back. Dahlkemper won the SheBelieves Cup and the Tournament of Nations with the USWNT in 2018. That same year, she was named to the final 20-player roster for the 2018 CONCACAF Women's Championship. In 2019, she helped the U.S. win their fourth World Cup title starting every match at center back for the stars and stripes.

College: A UCLA alum, Dahlkemper helped the Bruins win their first NCAA National Championship in 2013. The following year, 2014, she was awarded the Honda Sports Award, given to the top collegiate female athletes across 12 sports.

Personal: Dahlkemper was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania and grew up in Menlo Park, California. Her parents are Susan and Andrew Dahlkemper, and siblings are Joe, and Andrew. Dahlkemper married former pro soccer player, Aaron Schoenfeld in January of 2021.



SAN DIEGO WAVE FC

PLAYER BIOS

Alex Morgan

Pronunciation: Alex More-Gan (Click [HERE](#) for audio)

Position: Forward

Height: 5'7

Jersey Number: 13

DOB: July 2, 1989

Age: 32

Hometown: Diamond Bar, California

Citizenship: USA

College: University of California, Berkley

Last Club: Orlando Pride



Morgan is one of the most decorated players in women's soccer history. She is a two-time World Cup champion, Olympic gold medalist, UEFA Champions League winner and NWSL league champion. The prolific goal scorer and inventive playmaker makes the move back to Southern California, where she grew up and began her trailblazing career, and will make an immediate impact for the franchise both on and off the field.

How Acquired: In one of the most high-profile deals in NWSL history, Wave FC announced the signing of the world-renowned forward Alex Morgan via trade with Orlando Pride in Nov. '21.

Professional: Morgan was the first overall pick in the 2011 WPS Draft by the Western New York Flash where she propelled the club to the regular season title and WPS Championship that same year. In 2013 Morgan joined the Portland Thorns FC during the NWSL's inaugural season. She assisted on the second goal in the championship match to capture the first title in league history. In 2016, Morgan was traded from Portland Thorns to Orlando Pride and signed a six-month contract in 2017 with French club Lyon, where she won the French and Champions League titles in the same year. Morgan went on loan with Tottenham Hotspur Football Club, more commonly known as Spurs from September – December of 2021. To close out 2021, she joined the San Diego Wave FC for their inaugural season in a trade with the Orlando Pride.

International: In her decorated career with the U.S. National Team, Morgan has netted 115 goals in 190 appearances. She also played a key role with the USA securing the 2015 and 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup titles, being named to the Dream Team for both tournaments and winning the Silver Boot in 2019. Among other international soccer accolades, Morgan was the 2012 U.S. Soccer Female Athlete of the Year and a 2012 FIFA World Player of the Year Finalist. A testament to her leadership, Morgan co-captained the U.S. from 2018-2020.

Morgan first joined the senior National Team in 2010 and was the youngest player on the 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup squad where they finish second, losing on penalties in the final against Japan. The following year, Morgan assisted on the second goal in the gold medal match at the 2012 London Olympics to beat Japan. She was recognized as the CONCACAF 2013 Female Player of the Year and was named US Soccer's Female Player of the Year in 2018.



SAN DIEGO WAVE FC

PLAYER BIOS

Alex Morgan cont...

College: At UC Berkeley, Morgan led the team in scoring during her freshman season. She helped the team reach the NCAA Tournaments four years in a row and became the first Gold Bear named as a finalist for the Hermann Trophy, awarded annually to the best collegiate soccer player.

Personal: Morgan grew up in Diamond Bar, California with her parents Michael and Pamela Morgan, and her sisters, Jenny, and Jeri Morgan. Morgan is married to former MLS player Servando Carrasco, the two have a daughter named Charlie. In addition to soccer, Morgan is a best-selling author. Morgan wrote a 12-book series called "The Kicks," to help inspire young girls and celebrate her love of soccer. Morgan also published her memoir, Breakaway in 2015. Morgan starred in a movie called Alex&Me in 2018. In March of 2021, she founded the media company, Togethxr.



SAN DIEGO WAVE FC

PLAYER BIOS

Amirah Ali

Pronunciation: Ah-MEER-Ah Ah-Lee (Click [HERE](#) for audio)

Position: Forward

Height: 5'8

Jersey Number: 7

DOB: 12/07/1998

Age: 23

Hometown: Voorhees, NJ

Citizenship: USA

College: Rutgers University

Last Club: Portland Thorns



How Acquired: Following the 2022 NWSL Expansion Draft, Wave FC conducted a trade with Portland that resulted in San Diego acquiring the rights to Amirah Ali and Christen Westphal.

College: Ali attended Rutgers and led the Scarlet Knights to the NCAA College Cup during the 2021 season. During her 2017 freshman season, Ali was named Big 10 Freshman of the Year and All-Big 10 Freshman Team. During her 2018 sophomore season, Ali was selected to the Big 10 All-Tournament Team, First Team All-Big 10 and All-American Second Team. In 2019, Ali garnered All-American first team honors and was named to All-Big 10 First Team. During her 2020 senior season, Ali served as team captain and was a MAC Hermann Trophy Semifinalist. She was also named First Team All-American, All-Region First Team, and Academic All-Big Ten. Ali played a fifth season in 2021 and was a Big 10 Player to Watch, MAC Hermann Trophy Candidate, Academic All-Big 10, All-Big 10 First Team, Big Team All-Tournament Team, All-Region First Team, All-America Third Team and College Cup All-Tournament Team.

Personal: Daughter of Jameel and Kimberly ... has one sibling, Jameel



SAN DIEGO WAVE FC

PLAYER BIOS

Belle Briede

Pronunciation: Bell Bree-dee (Click [HERE](#) for audio)

Position: Midfielder

Height: 5'6

Jersey Number: 23

DOB: October 3, 1998

Age: 23

Hometown: Alpharetta, Georgia

Citizenship: USA

College: Stanford



How Acquired: Was drafted by Wave FC in the third round, Pick No. 27 in the 2022 NWSL Draft

College: Georgia native Belle Briede is a two-time NCAA National Champion (2017, 2019) from Stanford University. Her senior year was her most productive, scoring five goals and assisting on three, earning All-Pac-12 Third Team honors. Briede finished her college career with 10 goals and 11 assists, collecting three Pac-12 Championships (2017-19) and three College Cup appearance (2017-19). She played alongside Wave FC No. 1 draft pick Naomi Girma.

International: Briede participated in U15, U18, U19 and U20 camps with the United States Women's National Team between 2013-2017

Personal: Belle, the daughter of Dave and Cathy Briede, has an older sister, Taylor, and two younger sisters, Chloe and Olivia. Her father, Dave, played baseball at Indiana University. She was a member of the Talented and Gifted Program.



SAN DIEGO WAVE FC

PLAYER BIOS

Carly Telford

Pronunciation: Car-lee Tell-ford (Click [HERE](#) for audio)

Position: Goalkeeper

Height: 5'9

Jersey Number: 21

DOB: July 7, 1987

Age: 34

Hometown: Jesmond, England

Citizenship: English

College: Gateshead College

Last Club: Chelsea FC



How Acquired: Wave FC acquired the rights to Telford via transfer with Chelsea FC on Jan. 24, 2021.

Professional: Telford began her career at Sunderland, in her native North-East. She joined Leeds United in 2007 where she found success being named player of the match during the 2008 FA Women's Cup in Leeds' 4-1 defeat of Arsenal. She was then signed by Chelsea Ladies ahead of the 2011 FA WSL season where she made 23 appearances. In October 2012 it was announced that Telford would join Australian club Perth Glory on loan for the 2012-13 winter season. In 2013, Telford returned to Chelsea where she made 29 appearances. She joined Notts County in 2014 and made a total of 30 appearances with the team before the club folded in April 2017. Telford then returned to her former club Chelsea in 2017 before joining San Diego Wave FC. In her career, Telford has won 2 FA Cups, 3 leagues, 2 league cups, 1 community shield, and 1 spring series.

International: Telford is a mainstay on the England national team having been named to the 2007, 2015 and 2019 World Cup rosters. Telford made her senior international debut on March 11, 2007 as a substitute against Scotland, having previously played at U17, U19, U21 and U23 levels. In May 2009, Telford was one of the first 17 female players to be given central contracts by the Football Association. Telford played her first minutes at a major tournament in June 2019, starting in England's second group game at the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup against Argentina. Additionally, in 2019 Telford played a key role in winning the 2019 SheBelieves Cup for England playing in two of their three matches against Brazil and Japan. Her stellar play as part of SheBelieves helped lead to Telford's selection on Team Great Britain for the Tokyo Olympics.

Personal: Telford took up a part-time coaching role for Chelsea, supporting the Blues Under-16 and Under-18 goalkeepers.



SAN DIEGO WAVE FC

PLAYER BIOS

Christen Westphal

Pronunciation: Kris-Ten West-Fall (Click [HERE](#) for audio)

Position: Defender

Height: 5'6

Jersey Number: 20

DOB: September 2, 1993

Age: 28

Hometown: Brecksville, Ohio

Citizenship: USA

College: University of Florida

Last Club: Portland Thorns



How Acquired: Following the 2022 NWSL Expansion Draft, Wave FC conducted a trade with Portland that resulted in San Diego acquiring the rights to Christen Westphal and Amirah Ali.

Professional: Westphal was the No. 3 overall draft pick by the Boston Breakers in the 2016 NWSL College Draft. She appeared in 13 matches, making seven starts during her rookie season. In 2017, Westphal started and played in 13 matches recording one assist on the season. Westphal joined Reign FC in the 2018 NWSL Dispersal Draft and made 16 appearances across the 2018-19 seasons. In 2020 she was traded to the Portland Thorns where she played in 10 matches, earning eight starts.

International:

Westphal was named to the U.S. Under-23 team for 2015 Four Nations Tournament played in Norway and played the entirety of each of the three matches at the tournament. She attended U.S. Under-23 Women's National Team camp at U.S. Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, California in December of 2013 and May of 2014.

College: Westphal attended the University of Florida where she played as a center back for the Florida Gators women's soccer team from 2012–15. In 2012, Westphal was named NSCAA All-south Region third team, SEC second team, and was named to the SEC Freshman team, and was an SEC All-Tournament selection. To conclude her freshman season, she was named to Soccer America's All-Freshman Second-Team. In her 2013 sophomore season, she was named NSCAA All-America second team, NSCAA South Region first team, All-SEC first team and SEC All-Tournament selection. In 2014, Westphal was named NSCAA All-South Region, All-Southeastern Conference first-team for a second consecutive year, and was on the MAC Hermann Trophy Watch List. In her final season as a Gator, she was named NSCAA All-America first team, NSCAA South Region first team, Southeastern Conference Defensive Player of the Year, All-SEC every year of collegiate career, and SEC Tournament Most Valuable Player. Westphal finished her career second on Gator career charts for complete matches played (77), minutes (8,486) and consecutive starts (95). She was also among the 2015 MAC Hermann Trophy Watch List and TopDrawerSoccer named her one of the top 10 women's soccer defenders in the NCAA's Division 1.

Personal: Christen is the daughter of Dave and Kathy Westphal. She has a younger sister, Claire, and an older brother, Chase.



SAN DIEGO WAVE FC

PLAYER BIOS

Emily van Egmond

Pronunciation: Em-uh-Lee Van EG-Mond (Click [HERE](#) for audio)

Position: Midfielder

Height: 5'10

Jersey Number: 5

DOB: July 12, 1993

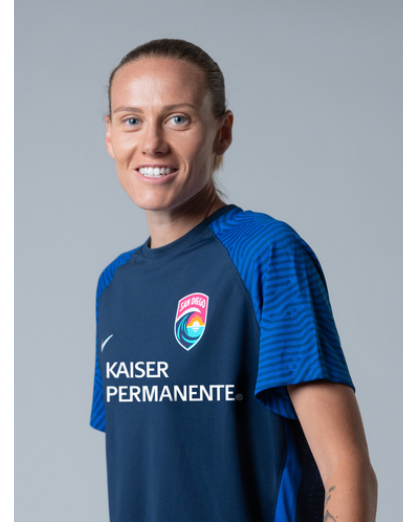
Age: 28

Hometown: Newcastle, Australia

Citizenship: Australian

College: Lake Ginninderra College

Last Club: Orlando Pride



How Acquired: Acquired via multi-player trade with Orlando Pride that also included Taylor Kornieck

Professional: Van Egmond began her career in 2009 playing for Canberra United in her native Australia. She joined Fortuna Hjørring in 2011 and played in the UEFA Women's Champions League before moving to Newcastle Jets for the 2012-2013 season. She played for the Western New York Flash during the Summer and helped them capture the league championship. In 2013, she signed with Seattle Reign FC during the NWSL's inaugural season. Van Egmond bounced around clubs between 2014-2018 playing for Chicago Red Stars (2014), Newcastle Jets (2014-15) Bundesliga's FFC Frankfurt Club (2015-16), VfL Wolfsburg (2016-17) and Newcastle Jets (2017). She signed to Orlando Pride for the 2018 season. In 2019, she joined Melbourne City. Van Egmond was loaned to the English FA WSL club West Ham United for the 2020 season. In 2021, Van Egmond re-signed with Orlando Pride before being acquired by the San Diego Wave FC ahead of the 2022 season,

International: Van Egmond represented the Young Matildas at the under-20 level. She had her first world cup experience at only 17 years old in the 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup and she scored in a 3-2 win over Equatorial Guinea. Van Egmond then competed in the 2012 and 2019 FIFA Women's World Cups. She represented Australia in the 2016 Rio Olympic Games and the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. Van Edmond has over 100 caps for the Australian National Team.

Personal: Van Egmond was born and raised in Newcastle, Australia with her parents Gary and Annette, her twin brother, Max, and her sister Laura.



SAN DIEGO WAVE FC

PLAYER BIOS

Jodie Taylor

Pronunciation: Joh-Dee Tay-Lr (Click [HERE](#) for audio)

Position: Forward

Height: 5'6

Jersey Number: 9

DOB: May 17, 1986

Age: 35

Hometown: Birkenhead, England

Citizenship: English

College: Oregon State University

Last Club: Orlando Pride



How Acquired: Taylor was acquired via trade with Orlando Pride in Nov. '21 ahead of Wave FC inaugural season

Professional: Taylor's storied career includes stints in North America, Australia and her home country England. She comes to Wave FC from NWSL's Orlando Pride, which she registered three goals and an assist through 13 games in the 2021 NWSL season. Taylor made her NWSL debut with the Washington Spirit in 2014 and has amassed 31 goals in her NWSL career while also having previously played for Portland Thorns FC (2015), OL Reign (2018-20) and Orlando (2021). Taylor's international club career has included stops with Arsenal of England's Women's Super League where she won the FA Cup in 2016, Melbourne City FC (Australia) where she won the W-League Championship in 2018, Olympique Lyonnais (France), Gothenburg FC (Sweden), and Lyon (France), where she played on a UEFA Women's Champions League-winning team in 2020.

International: Since making her first international appearance for England's women's team in 2014, Taylor has netted 19 goals for her country in 51 games. She was a key member of England's 2015 and 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup squads as Taylor scored once over three appearances in 2019. Following England's 2015 Women's World Cup semifinal appearance, Taylor led England to the UEFA Women's Euro 2017 semifinals as she scored five goals in four matches to earn the tournament's Golden Boot award for most goals scored. Taylor won the SheBelieves Cup in 2019. Taylor is a former England teammate of Wave FC Head Coach Casey Stoney.

College: Taylor played at Oregon State University from 2004-07. She was inducted into the University's Hall of Fame following a stellar career. A four-time Pac-10 First Team selection, Taylor earned Freshman All-American honors and currently holds the Beavers' career record for six different categories including points (113), goals (47), game-winning goals (18), multi-goal games (10), multi-assist games (6) and shots (269) and sits third all-time in assists (19).

Personal: Taylor is from Liverpool, England where she grew up with two older sisters and a twin sister. She also has her UEFA B License and is working towards completing her UEFA A License.



SAN DIEGO WAVE FC

PLAYER BIOS

Kailen Sheridan

Pronunciation: Kay-Luhn Share-I-Den (Click [HERE](#) for audio)

Position: Goalkeeper

Height: 5'8

Jersey Number: 1

DOB: July 16, 1995

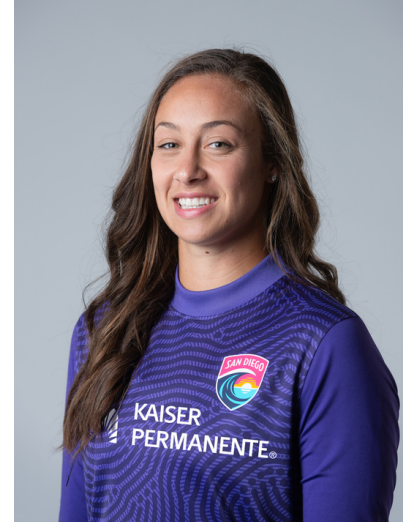
Age: 26

Hometown: Pickering, Ontario, Canada

Citizenship: Canadian

College: Clemson University

Last Club: NY/NJ Gotham FC



How Acquired: Acquired via trade with NY/NJ Gotham FC on Dec. 4, 2021

Professional: Sheridan was selected as the 23rd pick by Sky Blue FC during the 2017 NWSL College Draft. She was named an allocated player by Canada Soccer later that year. Sheridan played for Sky Blue FC for 5 seasons and was a finalist for NWSL Goalkeeper of the Year in 2019 and 2021.

International: Sheridan has represented Canada on the senior national team as well as numerous youth national teams including the U-17, U-20 and U-23 teams. She made her debut for the senior national team in March 2016 at the 2016 Algarve Cup.[11] Sheridan was an alternate at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio. Sheridan was called up for the 2017 Algarve Cup. Sheridan was added to the roster for the 2018 CONCACAF Women's Championship. On May 25, 2019, she was named to the roster for the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup. On August 6, 2021, she won the Olympic Gold Medal in the 2020 Summer Olympics with Canada.

College: In her 76 appearances for the Clemson Tigers, Sheridan recorded 229 saves and 28 shut-outs. Sheridan was named to the All-ACC first team in both 2014 and 2015. Her freshman season, Sheridan was named to Soccer America's All-Freshman Second Team, an All-ACC Third Team selection, a member of the ACC All-Freshman Team, and was named to TopDrawerSoccer.com's Freshmen's Best XI First Team. Her sophomore year, she was named NSCAA All-Southeast Region First Team, First Team All-ACC (First Clemson player to be named First Team All-Conference since 2007) and was named to the College Sports Madness All-ACC Second Team. In her final season as a Tiger, she was named to the NSCAA All-American Third Team, and named First Team All-ACC.



SAN DIEGO WAVE FC

PLAYER BIOS

Kaleigh Riehl

Pronunciation: Kay-Lee Reel (Click [HERE](#) for audio)

Position: Defender

Height: 5'8

Jersey Number: 18

DOB: October 21, 1996

Age: 25

Hometown: Fairfax Station, VA

Citizenship: USA

College: Penn State

Last Club: Racing Louisville FC



How Acquired: Wave FC acquired the rights to Riehl via Louisville in 2022 NWSL Expansion Draft

Professional: Riehl signed with Sky Blue FC as the 11th Pick in the 2020 NWSL College Draft. After the 2020 season with Sky Blue, Riehl played on loan for Paris FC for 6 months. Later that year she was drafted by Racing Louisville in the 2020 NWSL Expansion Draft. In 2021, she was drafted in the 2022 Expansion Draft to the San Diego Wave FC.

International: Riehl played for US youth national team at the U20 World Cups in 2014 and 2016. She has played with the U18s, U20s, U23s and has played in one full team camp.

College Career: Riehl was a rock along the back line for Penn State, playing in 101 career games. Her 8,847 minutes for the Nittany Lions is a NCAA record for a position player. During her 2015 freshman season, Riehl helped lead Penn State to the NCAA Championship and was named to the Women's College Cup All-Tournament Team. She earned Big 10 All-Freshman team honors and All-Big Ten second team. In 2017, Riehl was Named United Soccer Coaches All-Midwest Region second team, Big Ten All-Tournament Team, Defensive Player of the Big Ten Tournament, All-Big Ten second team, Academic All-Big Ten and Big Ten Distinguished Scholar. In 2018, she was named United Soccer Coaches first team All-American, MAC Hermann Trophy semifinalist, All-North Region First Team, Big Ten Defender of the Year, first team All-Big Ten, Big Ten Distinguished Scholar and TopDrawerSoccer National Collegiate Second Team. In her final collegiate season, Riehl was Named United Soccer Coaches second-team All-American, United Soccer Coaches Scholar All-American first team. She was also as Ernest B. McCoy Memorial Award recipient, All-North Region first team, first-team All-Big Ten, Awarded Big Ten Medal of Honor, TopDrawerSoccer Best XI first team and CoSIDA Academic All-District.

Personal: Riehl grew up in Fairfax Station, Virginia with her parents Lori and Mark, and sister, Kristen. Her father, Mark, played soccer at University of Virginia. Riehl attended Penn State University where she studied Kinesiology.



SAN DIEGO WAVE FC

PLAYER BIOS

Katie Johnson

Pronunciation: Kay-tee Jon-son (Click [HERE](#) for audio)

Position: Forward

Height: 5'8

Jersey Number: 33

DOB: September 14, 1994

Age: 27

Hometown: Monrovia, California

College: USC

Last Club: Chicago Red Stars



How Acquired: Johnson was acquired in a multi-player trade with the Chicago Red Stars, that included Kelsey Turnbow and Makenzy Doniak, ahead of the 2022 NWSL Draft.

Professional: Johnson is a native of Monrovia who played collegiately at the University of Southern California before being drafted into the NWSL in 2017 by Seattle Reign FC as the 16th overall pick. In 2018 she was traded to Sky Blue FC. She was named Player of the Week for week 21 of the 2018 NWSL season. In 2019 Johnson was acquired by Chicago Red Stars from Sky Blue FC in exchange for the sixth overall pick and highest second-round pick in the 2020 NWSL College Draft. She scored twice in 26 games (10 starts) for Chicago in the NWSL season and has collected 10 goals over 82 career NWSL games.

International: Johnson debuted for Mexico's Women's National Team in December 2015, while still a collegiate athlete at USC. She scored once for Mexico in Olympic qualifying in 2016 and scored three goals at the 2018 Central American and Caribbean Games as Mexico won the gold medal. She has eight goals in 23 international appearances.

College: During her four seasons at USC she appeared in 83 games and scored 24 goals and had 6 assists. She was named the Most Outstanding Player on Offense in the 2016 NCAA College Cup, scoring the only goal in the semi-final and two goals in the final to lead USC to its second national championship in women's soccer.

Personal: Born and raised in Monrovia, California, Johnson is the daughter of an American father, Dennis Johnson, and a Mexican mother, Esther Carreón. Her sister, Isabelle, also played soccer for USC. Johnson was a high school All-American soccer player at Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy where she scored 57 goals during her high school career.



SAN DIEGO WAVE FC

PLAYER BIOS

Kayla Bruster

Pronunciation: Kay-La Brew-Stir (Click [HERE](#) for audio)

Position: Defender

Height: 5'7

Jersey Number: 25

DOB: 4/29/1999

Age: 23

Hometown: Atlanta, Georgia

Citizenship: USA

College: University of Georgia



How Acquired: Bruster was drafted in the fourth round, No. 40 overall pick in the 2022 NWSL Draft

College: During her 2017 freshman season at University of Georgia, Bruster played in 14 games, making 13 starts on the Bulldog's backline and earned the J. Reid Parker Director of Athletics Honor Roll. During her 2018 sophomore season, Bruster started all 18 games on defense, and earned SEC Honor Roll. During her 2019 junior season, Bruster started in 17 games and was first Team All-SEC, named to the Dean's List of the J. Reid Parker Director of Athletics Honor Roll, SEC Honor Roll, inducted into L.E.A.D., the UDA Athletic Association's Leadership Academy. During her 2020 senior season, Bruster started 12 matches, was second Team All-SEC, named to United Soccer Coaches All-Southeast Region Third Team, named to the SEC Honor Roll, named again for the J. Reid Parker Director of Athletics Honor Roll. During her 2021 graduate season, Bruster started all 19 games and named to SEC Preseason Watch List.

Personal: Kayla grew up in Atlanta, Georgia with her parents Sherman and Kathy Bruster, and sister, Baleigh Bruster.



SAN DIEGO WAVE FC

PLAYER BIOS

Kelsey Turnbow

Pronunciation: Kell-See Turn-bow (Click [HERE](#) for audio)

Position: Midfielder/Forward

Height: 5'8

Jersey Number: 6

DOB: January 10, 1999

Age: 23

Hometown: Nashville, TN

Citizenship: USA

College: Santa Clara University

Last Club: Chicago Red Stars



How Acquired: Turnbow was acquired in a multi-player trade with the Chicago Red Stars, that included Katie Johnson and Makenzy Doniak, ahead of the 2022 NWSL Draft.

College: Turnbow spent five seasons at Santa Clara University where she is a five-time First Team All-West Region, five-time First Team All-WCC, two-time WCC All-Academic honorable mention, two-time Third Team Academic All-American. Turnbow's college career was strong from the start when she was named WCC Freshman of the year and was named to the WCC All-Freshman team. As a senior, she was named College Cup Offensive Most Outstanding Player, Top Drawer Soccer Player of the Year, and Top Drawer Soccer Best XI First Team. In Turnbow's fifth and final season as a Bronco, she was named First Team All American, a Honda Award Finalist, one of three Finalist for MAC Hermann Trophy, First Team CoSIDA Academic All-West Region, and a Senior Class award finalist. Turnbow finished her college career with 56 goals, 38 assists and an NCAA Championship in 2021.

Professional: Turnbow was a second-round pick by Chicago in the 2021 NWSL Draft but returned to Santa Clara for a fifth season due to COVID outbreak.

Personal: Kelsey is the daughter of Tom and Stacey Turnbow. She has two siblings, Ashtyn and Alexi. She majored in finance and received a master's degree in Business Administration with emphasis in Leading Innovative Organizations and Marketing.



SAN DIEGO WAVE FC

PLAYER BIOS

Kristen McNabb

Pronunciation: Kriss-Ten Mick-Nab (Click [HERE](#) for audio)

Position: Defender/Midfielder

Height: 5'5

Jersey Number: 14

DOB: April 17, 1994

Age: 27

Hometown: Montville, New Jersey

Citizenship: USA

College: University of Virginia

Last Club: OL Reign



How Acquired: Wave FC acquired the rights to McNabb via OL Reign in 2022 NWSL Expansion Draft

Professional: McNabb was drafted by then Seattle Reign FC as the 37th overall pick in the 2017 NWSL College Draft and played for them for 5 seasons. McNabb joined the Australian Club Melbourne Victory on a loan for the off-season and was selected as the fourth pick in the NWSL Expansion Draft by Wave FC.

International: McNabb has represented the United States on the under-18 and under-23 national teams.

College: McNabb spent four seasons at the University of Virginia, redshirting her freshman year due to an injury. During her junior season, McNabb was recognized on the ACC Academic Honor Roll and selected for Second-Team VaSID All-State. McNabb was recognized for a second year in a row as ACC Academic Honor Roll and selected to Second-Team NSCAA All-Southeast Region. During her final season with the Cavaliers, McNabb was named to the ACC Women's Soccer All-Academic Team, a NSCAA All-Region Selection and an All-ACC Second Team selection.

Personal: Daughter of Sue and Mark McNabb, has an older sister, Lindsey who played soccer at Rutgers. Father, Mark, was an All-American soccer player.



SAN DIEGO WAVE FC

PLAYER BIOS

Makenzy Doniak

Pronunciation: Ma-Ken-zee Don-ee-ack (Click [HERE](#) for audio)

Position: Forward

Height: 5'8

Jersey Number: 15

DOB: February 25, 1994

Age: 28

Hometown: Chino Hills, California

Citizenship: USA

College: The University of Virginia

Last Club: Chicago Red Stars



How Acquired: Doniak was acquired in a multi-player trade with the Chicago Red Stars, that included Kelsey Turnbow and Katie Johnson, ahead of the 2022 NWSL Draft.

College: Doniak had a storied college career (2012-15) and was a two-time Mac Hermann Semi-Finalist, three-time First Team All-ACC selection, 2015 ACC Offensive Player of the Year, two-time NCSAA First Team All American, NCAA All-Tournament Team, and ACC All-Tournament team. She left the University of Virginia as the Cavaliers' all-time leader in goals (64) and points (164).

Professional: Doniak was drafted by Western New York Flash in the 2016 NWSL College Draft. She won the NWSL Championship with the Flash during their 2016 season. In 2017, she joined the North Carolina Courage and helped them claim the 2017 NWSL Shield. Doniak was loaned to the Australian club, Adelaide United for the 2018 season and led the team in scoring. Later that year, she was traded to the Utah Royals. In 2020, Doniak was traded to the Chicago Red Stars and scored three goals over 18 games (seven starts) for Chicago. Wave FC will be Doniak's fifth NWSL team, as she has compiled seven goals over 69 career NWSL matches.

International: Doniak Scored one goal for the United States at the 2014 U-20 World Cup in Canada. She also represented the United States at the U-18, Under-20 and Under-23 levels.

Personal: Doniak grew up in Chino Hills, California with her parents, Lori and Dave, and her two older sisters, Kylie and Alyssa. Doniak comes from a family of athletes, her mother played tennis and her father played football at Long Beach State. Doniak's older siblings played college soccer, Kylie played at Texas and Alyssa played at St. Mary's.



SAN DIEGO WAVE FC

PLAYER BIOS

Marleen Schimmer

Pronunciation: Mar-leen Shim-mer (Click [HERE](#) for audio)

Position: Midfielder

Height: 5'6

Jersey Number: 27

DOB: October 23, 2000

Age: 21

Hometown: Mainz, Germany

Citizenship: Germany

College: Arizona State & Grand Canyon University



How Acquired: Drafted No.9 overall (second selection by Wave FC) in 2022 NWSL Draft

College: Schimmer started her college career at Arizona State where she played two seasons. During her 2018 freshman season, Schimmer appeared in 18 games and recorded five goals, which ranked second on the team. During her 2019 sophomore season, Schimmer appeared in 17 games and scored six goals which ranked second on the team. Schimmer earned All-Pac 12 Third team honors. During her 2020 junior season at Grand Canyon, Schimmer appeared in 17 games, scored four goals and became the fourth transfer to earn All-WAC honors in their first season as a Lope and the first player to make First Team All-WAC. In 2021, Schimmer was named WAC Offensive Player of the Year after scoring 13 goals and dishing 14 assists in just 20 games.

International: Marleen has made 32 appearances for the German Youth National Team.



SAN DIEGO WAVE FC

PLAYER BIOS

Melissa Lowder

Pronunciation: Muh-Lis-Uh Loud-Der (Click [HERE](#) for audio)

Position: Goalkeeper

Height: 5'8 |

Jersey Number: 31

DOB: January 29, 1997

Age: 25

Hometown: San Diego, California

Citizenship: USA

College: Stanford

Last Club: Utah Royals



How Acquired: Lowder was non-roster invitee during Wave FC's 2022 training camp.

Professional: Lowder was drafted by the Utah Royals FC in 2020. She joined the San Diego Wave FC for their first season in 2022.

International: Since 2019, Lowder has represented the United States in the first ever US Women's Beach Soccer National Team.

College: In her 63 appearances for Santa Clara Broncos, Lowder recorded 216 saves and 20 shut outs. Her sophomore season, Lowder was named All-WCC honorable mention and set a career-high with 14 saves against Stanford during the second round of the NCAA tournament. Her junior year, Lowder was named WCC All-Academic honorable mention. In her final season as a Bronco, she was named team captain and WCC All-Academic honorable mention for a second consecutive year.

Personal: Lowder is the daughter of Brian and Elisabeth, and has an older brother, Andrew.



SAN DIEGO WAVE FC

PLAYER BIOS

Mia Gyau

Pronunciation: Mia Jow (Click [HERE](#) for audio)

Position: Defender

Height: 5'4

Jersey Number: 26

DOB: June 22, 1998

Age: 23

Hometown: Colesville, Maryland

Citizenship: USA

College: Duke University



How Acquired: San Diego Wave FC signed Gyau in January 2022.

College: During her 2016 freshman season at Duke, Gyau appeared in 23 games, playing at both midfield and defense. She became the fourth player and second Duke freshman to notch their first goal in an NCAA Tournament. During her 2017 sophomore season, Gyau earned ACC Honor Roll, and started in the first three games before suffering a season-ending ACL and MCL tear. During her 2018 junior season, Gyau appeared in three games before suffering another season ending injury. Gyau earned ACC Honor Roll for the second consecutive year. In her senior season she logged a career-high 100 minutes of action in the ACC opener versus NC State, notched her second career goal and first of the season in the matchup at Wake Forest. Unfortunately, Gyau suffered a season-ending injury in the match versus third-ranked North Carolina. In her fifth and final season with Duke, Gyau started every game and played over 1700 minutes.

International: Gyau trained with the U-14, U-15 and U-17 teams and was a member of the U-18 and U-20 National Teams. She traveled to Jamaica with the U-17 National Team for the CONCACAF World Cup qualifier, competed with the U-17 squad for the England Friendlies in 2013 and picked up three international caps with the U-17 National Team during the Four Nations tournament in San Jose, Costa Rica.

Personal: Mia is the daughter of Phillip and Leslie Gyau, and has one brother, Joseph-Claude. She majored in evolutionary anthropology and was a member of the National Honor Society. Her father, Phillip played professional soccer here in the US and with the US national team. Her brother Joseph-Claude has several caps with the US national team and played in the Bundesliga 1 and 2, MLS. He is currently playing professionally in the Swedish first division.



SAN DIEGO WAVE FC

PLAYER BIOS

Naomi Girma

Pronunciation: Nay-oh-me Gur-ma (Click [HERE](#) for audio)

Position: Defender

Height: 5'7"

Jersey Number: 4

DOB: June 14, 2000

Age: 21

Hometown: San Jose, California

Citizenship: USA

College: Stanford



How Acquired: No. 1 overall draft pick in 2022 NWSL Draft

College: During her 2018 freshman season, Girma started 22 games, scoring twice and had four assists. She was named TopDrawerSoccer Freshman Best XI first team, All-Pac-12 freshman team, and All-Pac-12 third team, and was a Pac-12 Champion. During her 2019 sophomore season, Girma started all 25 games scoring two goals and adding one assist. Girma was named Pac-12 Defense Player of the Week (Oct. 21), CoSIDA Academic All-District 8 first team, All-Pac-12 first team, Pac-12 Defender of the Year, United Coaches All-West Region first team, ESPNW All-America, College Cup All-Tournament team, College Cup Most Outstanding Defensive Player, United Soccer Coaches All-America first team, MAC Hermann Trophy Semifinalist, named Stanford Captain, and won the NCAA and Pac-12 Championship. During her 2020 junior season, Girma was the team captain and earned Pac-12 Academic Honor Roll. During her 2021 senior season, Girma was the team captain, a MAC Hermann Trophy Semifinalist, United Soccer Coaches All-America first team, Pac-12 Defender of the Year, Pac-12 Scholar-Athlete of the Year, United Coaches All-Pacific Region first team, All-Pac-12 first time, Two-Time Pac-12 Defense Player of the Week (Oct 11, Oct 25), CoSIDA Academic All-America first team, CoSIDA Academic All-District 8 first team, Senior CLASS Award Finalist, Senior CLASS Award All-America second team, and United Soccer Coaches Scholar All-America first team.

International: Girma was 2020 U.S. Soccer Young Female Player of the Year. She played in the U20 World Cup in 2018, U20 women's national team CONCACAF Qualifiers in Trinidad & Tobago (2018), U19 women's national team NSWI Cup CFA International Tournament in China (2017), U17 women's national team CONCACAF Qualifiers in Grenada (2016) and U17 women's national team World Cup in Jordan (2016).

Personal: Naomi is the daughter of Seble and Girma. She has an older brother, Nathaniel, and grew up in San Jose, CA. She is currently working towards a master's in Management, Science, and Engineering and is enjoying exploring San Diego with her teammates.



SAN DIEGO WAVE FC

PLAYER BIOS

Sofia Jakobsson

Pronunciation: Sof-ee-ya Ya-kob-son (Click [HERE](#) for audio)

Position: Forward

Height: 5'9

Jersey Number: 10

DOB: April 23, 1990

Age: 31

Hometown: Örnsköldsvik, Sweden

Citizenship: Swedish

Last Club: Bayern Munich



How Acquired: Trade with Bayern Munich on January 15, 2022

Professional: Jakobsson comes to Wave FC by way of Bayern Munich, although spent most of the 20-21 season at Spanish club Real Madrid. For Las Blancas the Swede scored eight goals and seven assists in 33 matches to lead the team. At the club level, Jakobsson is one of the most lethal finishers in the game, tallying 113 goals over the course of her career.

Jakobsson began her professional career in her home country with second tier club Östers IF. At 17 years old she signed with reigning league champions Umeå IK where she spent five seasons and won two championships, one national cup, and made her UEFA Women's Cup debut. In 2011 Jakobsson transferred to Russian champion WFC Rossiyanka where she scored nine goals in 13 matches.

Jakobsson signed for Chelsea Ladies in January 2013. She scored on her debut in a 1-1 draw with Birmingham. In only 11 appearances for the club, she finished as Chelsea's top scorer (six goals). With three WSL games remaining until the end of the season she moved to the German Bundesliga signing with newly promoted BV Cloppenburg. In July 2014, Jakobsson signed for Montpellier HSC of the French Division 1 Féminine. In July 2019, Jakobsson joined Real Madrid.

International: Jakobsson has also been a mainstay for Sweden since 2011, having played in over 100 international matches for her country, including appearances at the 2011, 2015 and 2019 World Cups. At the 2019 World Cup, Jakobsson notched the game winning goal in the third-place match. She has scored a total of 23 international goals. Jakobsson also represented Sweden in the 2012 and 2016 Summer Olympics, collecting a silver medal at 2016 Rio Games.



SAN DIEGO WAVE FC

PLAYER BIOS

Sydney Pulver

Pronunciation: Sid-knee pul-ver (Click [HERE](#) for audio)

Position: Midfielder

Height: 5'9

Jersey Number: 17

DOB: August 20, 1999

Age: 22

Hometown: Parker, Colorado

Citizenship: USA

College: Washington State University



How Acquired: Pulver was drafted in the second round, No. 25 overall pick in the 2022 NWSL Draft

College: Sydney played five seasons at Washington State University where she was the all-time leader in matches played (98) and matches started (91) for the Cougars. Pulver earned Pac-12 All-Academic Honorable Mention in 2018. Her most impressive season came in her fifth year where she appeared and started in all 21 games in 2021, finishing fourth on the team in minutes with 1,715, third on the team in points with 17, tallying six goals and five assists. She was the leader of the Cougars' defense over the course of the season, racking up two Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Week awards.

Personal: Sydney is the daughter of Susanne and Dean, who played collegiate baseball at Fullerton College. She has one sister, Brooke. Sydney graduated with a business degree.



SAN DIEGO WAVE FC

PLAYER BIOS

Taylor Hansen

Pronunciation: Tay-ler Han-son (Click [HERE](#) for audio)

Position: Defender

Height: 5'4"

Jersey Number: 29

DOB: 4/4/1999

Age: 22

Place of Birth: Florida

Hometown: San Diego (Cardiff), California

Citizenship: USA

College: University of Montana



How Acquired: Joined Wave FC as a non-roster invitee during 2022 preseason training camp

College: Hansen spent five seasons at the University of Montana. During her 2017 freshman season, Hansen played 20 of the 21 matches and earned academic All-Big Sky Conference.

During her 2018 sophomore season, Hansen started all 22 matches and totaled 2,013 minutes, more than any other non-goalkeeper. She was voted to Big Sky Conference All-Tournament Team. In her 2019 junior season, Hansen started in all 19 games and was named First-Team All-Big Sky Conference and United Soccer Coaches third-team All-West Region. During her 2020 senior season, Hansen started all 11 matches for the team. She was voted to Big Sky Conference All-Tournament Team, First-team All-Big Sky Conference, and United Soccer Coaches first-team All-West Region.

Due to COVID, she earned eligibility to play a fifth season in 2021 and led the team with six assists. She was voted First-team All-Big Sky Conference and Big Sky Conference All-Tournament Team. Hansen finished her career with three goals scored and 15 assists. She played 92 matches, a program record, and made 81 career starts, second in program history.

Personal: Hansen is a 2017 graduate of Del Norte High School and a former member of the San Diego Surf Soccer Club. She is the daughter of Dan and Diane Hansen and sister to Rory Hansen, who played hockey for Western New England University. She graduated with a degree in Accounting from the University of Montana. Taylor enjoys hiking, reading, and fitness in her spare time.



SAN DIEGO WAVE FC

PLAYER BIOS

Taylor Kornieck

Pronunciation: Taylor Core-knee-eck (Click [HERE](#) for audio)

Position: Midfielder

Height: 6'1"

Jersey Number: 22

DOB: November 22, 1998

Age: 23

Hometown: Troy, Michigan

Citizenship: USA

College: The University of Colorado Boulder

Last Club: Orlando Pride



How Acquired: Kornieck was acquired via a multi-player with Orlando Pride that included Australian international Emily van Egmond.

Professional: Kornieck was the third overall pick in the 2020 NWSL College Draft by Orlando Pride. In September 2020, she joined German Bundesliga Club MSV Duisburg on loan and appeared in 11 matches across all competitions scoring one goal and one assist. In 2021, Kornieck returned to Orlando from her loan before being traded to San Diego.

International: Kornieck Captained the U-18 USWNT in 2016. In 2017 Kornieck played six matches between the U-20 and U-19 squads, scoring her first international goal in July 2017 in a win over England.

Collegiate: Kornieck is an alumna of San Diego Surf Soccer program and former collegiate standout at University of Colorado – Boulder. She was the first All-American in Buffalos history and departed at the all-time points leader in school history (102 points). In her freshman season, she was named Pac-12 Freshman of the Year, All-Pac-12 First Team, All Pac-12 All-Freshman Team, NSCAA First-Team All-Pacific Region, and TopDrawerSoccer Freshman Best XI First Team. In her sophomore season, Kornieck was named to United Soccer Coaches All-West Region First Team, All-Pac-12 Second Team, MAC Hermann Trophy Watch List. In Kornieck's junior season, she was listed on the MAC Hermann Trophy Watch List, ESPNW Player of the Year Watch, named United Soccer Coaches Second-Team All American, All-Pac-12 First Team, and named to the United Soccer Coaches First-Team All-Pacific Region. In her final season as a Buffalo, Kornieck was Named to the MAC Hermann Trophy Watch List, All-Pac-12 First Team, United Soccer Coaches Women's All-Pacific First Team and United Soccer Coaches Third Team All American.

Personal: Kornieck has a brother, Nick, who played basketball at Cal State Dominguez Hills. Her mother, Kristen, was a professional volleyball player.



SAN DIEGO WAVE FC

PLAYER BIOS

Tegan McGrady

Pronunciation: Tea-Gan Mick-Gray-Dee (Click [HERE](#) for audio)

Position: Defender

Height: 5'6

Jersey Number: 19

DOB: October 11, 1997

Age: 24

Hometown: San Jose, CA

Citizenship: USA

College: Stanford

Last Club: Washington Spirit



How Acquired: McGrady was acquired via trade with Washington Spirit in December '21.

Professional: McGrady comes to San Diego from the NWSL's Washington Spirit, where she was the No. 7 overall draft pick in 2019 NWSL Draft and played a key part of their defensive structure that propelled them to the 2021 NWSL Championship. At left back, she demonstrated resolve and consistency playing a total of 2,258 minutes in 34 matches this past season and pass rate of 72 percent or better every season while at Washington.

International: McGrady made her USWNT senior team debut April 8, 2018 against Mexico... Has appeared for U.S. U-23 National Team, recording two assists. She attended U.S. U-20 camps in 2016 and traveled with the team for the La Manga tournament in Spain. McGrady participated in U.S. U-19 camp in July 2015 and went to U.S. U-18 camp in May 2014. In 2013 she joined U.S. U-17s for the CONCACAF Championships.

College: McGrady appeared in 72 games and made 61 starts over four years with Stanford. During the course of collegiate career she scored four goals, created 13 assists totaling 21 points, including three game-winning goals. McGrady won a 2017 NCAA Championship with the Cardinals. McGrady's collegiate career was decorated with accolades. She was named 2015 Pac-12 All-Freshman Team, 2016 All-Pac-12 Honorable Mention, Pac-12 All-Academic honorable mention, 2017 United Coaches Academic All-Region third team, 2017 All-Pac-12 second team, 2018 MAC Hermann Trophy watch list, 2018 Pac-12 All-Academic honorable mention, 2018 TopDrawerSoccer Best XI third team, 2018 United Soccer Coaches Academic All-America first team, and 2018 All-America third team.