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MAY 17, 2026
Providence Park
ESPN2



2026
ANGEL CITY FC
GAME NOTES



MATCH INFORMATION

DATE - Sunday, May 17
KICKOFF - 3:00 p.m. PT / 6:00 p.m. ET
LOCATION - Providence Park
REFEREE - Alexandra Billeter
ASSISTANT REFEREE #1 - Matthew Rodman
ASSISTANT REFEREE #2 - Justin Fillmore
FOURTH OFFICIAL - Christopher Calderon
VAR - Jamie Padilla
ASSISTANT VAR - Rhett Hammil

TV BROADCAST - ESPN2
RADIO BROADCAST - iHeart
INTL BROADCAST - NWSLsoccer.com

NWSL WEEK 8

	TIME (PT)
FRIDAY, MAY 15	
Kansas City Current vs. Houston Dash (Prime Video)	5:00 p.m.
Bay FC vs. Boston Legacy FC (Victory+)	7:00 p.m.
Seattle Reign FC vs. Gotham FC (Victory+)	7:00 p.m.
San Diego Wave FC vs. Washington Spirit (Victory+)	7:00 p.m.
SATURDAY, MAY 16	
North Carolina Courage vs. Chicago Stars FC (ION)	3:30 p.m.
Denver Summit FC vs. Orlando Pride (ION)	5:45 p.m.
SUNDAY, MAY 17	
Utah Royals FC vs. Racing Louisville FC (Victory+)	5:00 p.m.



3-4-0 6-2-1
-VS-
 9 PTS 19 PTS



PORTLAND THORNS

2026 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	HOME / AWAY TIME (PST) / RESULT	BROADCAST
Sunday, Mar 15	Chicago Stars FC	W 4-0	Victory+
Saturday, Mar 21	Bay FC	W 3-1	ION
Friday, Mar 27	Houston Dash	W 2-1	Prime Video
Friday, Apr 3	Orlando Pride	L 1-2	Prime Video
Sunday, Apr 26	Portland Thorns	L 1-2	ESPN2
Saturday, May 2	Utah Royals FC	L 0-1	ION
Saturday, May 9	San Diego Wave FC	L 1-2	ION
Sunday, May 17	Portland Thorns	3:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Wednesday, May 20	Kansas City Current	7:00 p.m.	Victory+
Saturday, May 23	Houston Dash	5:45 p.m.	ION
Sunday, May 31	NC Courage	4:00 p.m.	Victory+
Friday, Jul 3	Orlando Pride	7:00 p.m.	Prime Video
Saturday, Jul 11	San Diego Wave FC	5:45 p.m.	ION
Saturday, Jul 18	Chicago Stars FC	3:30 p.m.	ION
Sunday, Jul 26	Racing Louisville FC	6:00 p.m.	ESPN
Saturday, Aug 1	Kansas City Current	3:30 p.m.	ION
Sunday, Aug 9	Seattle Reign FC	6:00 p.m.	ESPN
Sunday, Aug 16	Washington Spirit	6:00 p.m.	ESPN
Sunday, Aug 23	Gotham FC	5:00 p.m.	Victory+
Wednesday, Aug 26	NC Courage	5:00 p.m.	CBS Sports Network
Monday, Aug 31	Boston Legacy FC	5:00 p.m.	CBS Sports Network
Saturday, Sep 5	Racing Louisville FC	3:30 p.m.	ION
Friday, Sep 11	Denver Summit FC	7:00 p.m.	Victory+
Wednesday, Sep 16	Seattle Reign FC	7:00 p.m.	Victory+
Sunday, Sep 20	Utah Royals FC	4:00 p.m.	Victory+
Saturday, Sep 26	Washington Spirit	3:30 p.m.	ION
Sunday, Oct 4	Gotham FC	9:00 a.m.	ABC
Saturday, Oct 17	Denver Summit FC	5:45 p.m.	ION
Saturday, Oct 24	Bay FC	5:45 p.m.	ION
Sunday, Nov 1	Boston Legacy FC	2:00 p.m.	ESPN / TBD

TEAM KITS



2026 SEASON COMPARISON

12	GOALS	15
65	SHOTS	81
28	SOT	43
45	CORNERS	30
53.6	POSS %	44
8	ASSISTS	12

2026 NWSL TEAMS STANDINGS (as of 4/7)

TEAMS	GP	PTS	W-L-D	GF	GA	GD
1. Portland Thorns	9	19	6-2-1	15	9	6
2. Washington Spirit	9	18	5-1-3	15	6	9
3. San Diego Wave FC	9	18	6-3-0	13	9	4
4. Utah Royals FC	9	17	5-2-2	12	6	6
5. Gotham FC	9	15	4-2-3	9	5	4
6. Kansas City Current	8	12	4-4-0	10	14	-4
7. Orlando Pride	9	11	3-4-2	13	13	0
8. Seattle Reign FC	8	11	3-3-2	7	8	-1
9. Houston Dash	8	10	3-4-1	10	12	-2
10. Bay FC	7	10	3-3-1	7	10	-3
11. Angel City FC	7	9	3-4-0	12	9	3
12. Denver Summit FC	8	9	2-3-3	12	10	2
13. North Carolina Courage	8	9	2-3-3	9	11	-2
14. Boston Legacy FC	9	8	2-5-2	9	15	-6
15. Racing Louisville FC	8	7	2-5-1	13	15	-2
16. Chicago Stars FC	9	6	2-7-0	4	18	-14

2026 MATCH PREVIEW

VS PORTLAND THORNS

Angel City Football Club (ACFC) will face the Portland Thorns at Providence Park on Sunday, May 17, at 3 p.m. Pacific. The match will be televised on ESPN2.

Last Time Out: Wave Scores Late to Beat ACFC

In a closely fought battle between Southern California rivals, San Diego Wave FC topped Angel City FC, 2-1, at BMO Stadium on May 9.

Defender Emily Sams netted an equalizer in the 54th minute after San Diego scored in the opening minutes of the second half. But Wave defender Mimi Van Zanten's tally in the 81st minute gave San Diego the win.

ACFC's loss came in yet another match in which Angel City (3-4-0) generated more chances, with 1.49 expected goals to the Wave's 0.77. Rookie forward Taylor Suarez led the club with two shots on target.

Next Up: Wilson, Moultrie and the Thorns

Portland (6-2-1) will welcome ACFC from the top of the NWSL standings, having won two of three matches since the clubs faced each other at BMO Stadium on April 26. The Thorns have played two more matches than Angel City, and Portland was most recently upset by Racing Louisville FC, 3-1, on May 8 at Lynn Family Stadium.

Thorns forward Sophia Wilson, who registered the game-winning goal in the last match against ACFC, scored her third of the year against Louisville. Meanwhile, Portland midfielder Olivia Moultrie is tied with San Diego's Dudinha for first in the league with four assists.

Angel City will look to rev up its offense against the Thorns. ACFC continues to be a top-five team in the NWSL in goals scored, having tallied 12 in just seven games played.

In the Spotlight: Phair Earning More Minutes

Forward Casey Phair made her second appearance of the season for Angel City on May 9, coming on as a second-half substitute against the Wave. The South Korean attacker played 21 minutes as she continues to earn more minutes for the club.

Phair signed with ACFC in January 2023, at which time she became the youngest player under contract for Angel City. At just 18 years old, the forward has already shown several flashes of her potential. As a member of the South Korea Women's National Team, Phair has earned 14 caps and recorded four goals. She also previously scored a hat trick for the South Korea U-17 Women's National Team.

Phair is under contract with Angel City through 2028 and is a key piece of the young ACFC roster as it grows in experience under the guidance of Head Coach Alex Straus.

RECENTLY ON THE PITCH!



Emily Sams found the back of the net for her first goal in an Angel City Football Club kit, with captain Sarah Gorden delivering the assist, the first NWSL assist of her career.



Claire Emslie returned to the pitch for Angel City Football Club just months after welcoming her baby boy, Jamie, in December 2025, stepping back onto the field on the eve of Mother's Day in a powerful full-circle moment for the longtime ACFC forward and first-time mother.



ALPHABETICAL & NUMERICAL ROSTER



ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

#19 GOALKEEPER | DOB 3/22/2001 | 6'0"

ANGELINA ANDERSON

(an-juh-LEE-nuh AN-der-sun)

COUNTRY: United States

HOMETOWN: Danville, CA

LAST TEAM: College, California, Berkley

ACQUIRED VIA: 2023 NWSL DRAFT (R3, P27)

#24 FORWARD | DOB 06/08/1999 | 5'7"

PRISCA CHILUFYA

(PRISS-kuh chee-loo-FEE-yuh)

COUNTRY: Zambia

HOMETOWN: Kitwe, Zambia

LAST TEAM: Orlando Pride

ACQUIRED VIA: Trade from ORL (10/09/2025)

#17 MIDFIELDER | DOB 03/09/2007 | 5'5"

KENNEDY FULLER

(KEN-uh-dee FULL-uhr)

COUNTRY: United States

HOMETOWN: Southlake, Texas

LAST TEAM: Club Solar SC

ACQUIRED VIA: Signed via U-18 Entry (3/6/24)

#3 DEFENDER | DOB 02/07/2005 | 5'6"

SAVY KING

(SAV-ee KING)

COUNTRY: United States

HOMETOWN: West Hills, Calif.

LAST TEAM: Bay FC

ACQUIRED VIA: Trade via Bay FC (02/03/25)

#27 FORWARD | DOB 01/24/2007 | 5'7"

MAITHÉ LÓPEZ (LOAN)

(mai-TAY LOH-pehs)

COUNTRY: Colombia

HOMETOWN: Bucaramanga, Colombia

LAST TEAM: Real Santander

ACQUIRED VIA: Int'l Transfer via Real Santander (02/21/25)

#30 GOALKEEPER | DOB 11/16/2003 | 5'7"

FAITH NGUYEN

(FAYTH WIN)

COUNTRY: United States

HOMETOWN: Costa Mesa, California

LAST TEAM: Texas Tech

ACQUIRED VIA: Preseason Signing (01/14/2026)

#6 DEFENDER | DOB 07/01/1999 | 5'7"

EMILY SAMS

(EH-muh-lee SAMZ)

COUNTRY: United States

HOMETOWN: Boise, Idaho

LAST TEAM: Orlando Pride

ACQUIRED VIA: Trade from ORL (01/09/2026)

#8 MIDFIELDER | DOB 12/28/1999 | 5'5"

ARY BORGES

(AH-ree BOR-jess)

COUNTRY: Brazil

HOMETOWN: Sao Luis, Maranhao, Brazil

LAST TEAM: Racing Louisville FC

ACQUIRED VIA: Preseason Signing (01/06/2026)

#10 FORWARD | DOB 08/03/1994 | 5'7"

CLAIRE EMSLIE (SEI)

(KLAIR EMZ-lee)

COUNTRY: Scotland

HOMETOWN: Penicuik, Scotland

LAST TEAM: Everton Football Club

ACQUIRED VIA: 2022 Expansion Draft (R2)

#11 DEFENDER | DOB 09/13/1992 | 5'4"

SARAH GORDEN

(SAIR-uh GOR-din)

COUNTRY: United States

HOMETOWN: Elk Grove, Illinois

LAST TEAM: Chicago Red Stars

ACQUIRED VIA: Trade from CHI (12/2/21)

#16 MIDFIELDER | DOB 11/01/2003 | 5'7"

CARINA LAGEYRE

(kuh-REE-nah luh-GEER)

COUNTRY: United States

HOMETOWN: Cooper City, Florida

LAST TEAM: Duke University

ACQUIRED VIA: Preseason Signing (01/07/2026)

#13 MIDFIELDER | DOB 04/22/1998 | 5'7"

NEALY MARTIN

(NEE-lee MAR-tin)

COUNTRY: United States

HOMETOWN: Birmingham, Alabama

LAST TEAM: NJ/NY Gotham FC

ACQUIRED VIA: Trade from NJ/NY (09/09/2025)

#12 MIDFIELDER | DOB 08/11/2004 | 5'9"

MAIARA NIEHUES

(my-AR-uh NOOS)

COUNTRY: Brazil

HOMETOWN: Itapiranga, Santa Catarina, Brazil

LAST TEAM: Sporting Clube de Portugal (Sporting CP)

ACQUIRED VIA: Int'l Transfer (03/27/2025)

#13 GOALKEEPER | DOB 02/28/1995 | 5'10"

HANNAH SEABERT

(HAN-uh SEE-ber-t)

COUNTRY: United States

HOMETOWN: Riverside, California

LAST TEAM: Sporting Clube de Portugal (Sporting CP)

ACQUIRED VIA: Int'l Transfer (05/30/2025)

#4 DEFENDER | DOB 11/02/2003 | 5'7"

KARSYN CHERRY

(KAR-sin CHAIR-ee)

COUNTRY: United States

HOMETOWN: Lafayette, Ind.

LAST TEAM: University of Louisville

ACQUIRED VIA: Preseason Signing (01/07/2026)

#18 FORWARD | DOB 05/24/2000 | 5'6"

JUN ENDO

(June END-oh)

COUNTRY: Japan

HOMETOWN: Shirakawa, Fukushima, Japan

LAST TEAM: Nippon TV Tokyo Verdy Beleza

ACQUIRED VIA: Int'l Transfer (12/20/21)

#32 FORWARD | DOB 06/05/2001 | 5'9"

SVEINDÍS JÓNSDÓTTIR

(SVEN-diss YONS-dot-ehr)

COUNTRY: Iceland

HOMETOWN: Keflavik, Iceland

LAST TEAM: VfL Wolfsburg

ACQUIRED VIA: Int'l Signing (05/21/2025)

#2 FORWARD | DOB 05/07/1990 | 5'7"

SYDNEY LEROUX

(SID-nee Luh-ROO)

COUNTRY: United States/Canada

HOMETOWN: Surrey, B.C.

LAST TEAM: Orlando Pride

ACQUIRED VIA: Trade from ORL (06/29/22)

#25 DEFENDER | DOB 06/25/2002 | 5'8"

SOPHIA MATTICE

(soh-FEE-uh mah-TICE)

COUNTRY: United States

HOMETOWN: Folsom, California

LAST TEAM: University of Kentucky

ACQUIRED VIA: Trialist Signing (05/16/2025)

#9 FORWARD | DOB 06/29/2007 (AGE:17) | 5'10"

CASEY PHAIR

(KAY-see FAIR)

COUNTRY: United States

HOMETOWN: Southlake, Texas

LAST TEAM: Club Solar SC

ACQUIRED VIA: signed via U-18 Entry (3/6/24)

#15 DEFENDER | DOB 12/29/2005 | 5'9"

EVELYN SHORES

(EV-uh-lin SHORZ)

COUNTRY: United States

HOMETOWN: Atlanta, Georgia

LAST TEAM: University of North Carolina

ACQUIRED VIA: Collegiate Signing (07/10/2025)

#99 MIDFIELDER | DOB 07/27/2005 | 5'5"

TAYLOR SUAREZ

(TAY-ler SWAH-rez)

COUNTRY: United States

HOMETOWN: Charlotte, North Carolina

LAST TEAM: Florida State University

ACQUIRED VIA: Pre Season Signing (01/08/2026)

#20 DEFENDER | DOB 12/02/2005 (AGE:18) | 5'4"

GISELE THOMPSON

(jih-ZELL TOMP-sun)

COUNTRY: United States

HOMETOWN: Studio City, California

LAST TEAM: Total Futbol Academy (MLS Next)

ACQUIRED VIA: Int'l Transfer (12/20/21)

#7 MIDFIELDER | DOB 01/31/1997 | 5'3"

HINA SUGITA

(HEE-nuh soo-GEE-tah)

COUNTRY: Japan

HOMETOWN: Fukuoka, Japan

LAST TEAM: Portland Thorns FC

ACQUIRED VIA: Trade from POR (09/30/2025)

#33 FORWARD | DOB 11/14/2002 (AGE:22) | 5'8"

RILEY TIERNAN

(rye-LEE TEER-nan)

COUNTRY: United States

HOMETOWN: Voorhees, NJ

LAST TEAM: College, Rutgers

ACQUIRED VIA: Trialist signing (3/03/25)



2026 NUMERICAL ROSTER

PLAYER	POSITION	HEIGHT	DOB	PRONUNCIATION	HOMETOWN
2 Sydney Leroux	F	5'7"	05/07/1990	SID-nee luh-ROO	Vancouver, BC, CAN
3 Savy King	D	5'6"	02/07/2005	SAH-vee KING	West Hills, Calif.
4 Karsyn Cherry	D	5'7"	11/02/2003	KAR-sin CHAIR-ee	Lafayette, Ind
6 Emily Sams	D	5'7"	07/01/1999	EH-muh-lee SAMZ	Boise, Idaho
7 Hina Sugita	M	5'3"	01/31/1997	HEE-nuh soo-GEE-tah	Fukuoka, Japan
8 Ary Borges	M	5'5"	12/28/1999	AH-ree BOR-jess	Sao Luis, Maranhao, Brazil
9 Casey Phair	F	5'10"	06/29/2007	KAY-see FAIR	Warren Township, NJ
10 Claire Emslie	F	5'7"	08/03/1994	KLAIR EM-slee	Penicuik, Scotland
11 Sarah Gorden	D	5'4"	09/13/1992	SAIR-uh GOR-din	Elk Grove, IL
12 Maiara Nihues	M	5'9"	08/11/2004	my-AR-uh NOOS	Itapiranga, Santa Catarina
13 Hannah Seabert	GK	5'10"	02/28/1995	HAN-uh SEE-bert	Riverside, Calif.
14 Nealy Martin	M	5'7"	04/22/1998	NEE-lee MAR-tin	Birmingham, Alabama
15 Evelyn Shores	D	5'9"	12/29/2005	EV-uh-lin SHORZ	Atlanta, Ga.
16 Carina Lageyre	M	5'7"	11/01/2003	kuh-REE-nah luh-GEER	Cooper City , FL
17 Kennedy Fuller	M	5'5"	03/09/2007	KEN-uh-dee FULL-er	Southlake, TX
18 Jun Endo	F	5'6"	05/24/2000	JOON EN-doh	Shirakawa, Fukushima, Japan
19 Angelina Anderson	GK	6'0"	03/22/2001	an-juh-LEE-nah AN-der-sun	Danville, Calif.
20 Gisele Thompson	D	5'4"	12/02/2005	jih-ZELL THOMP-sun	Studio City, Calif.
24 Prisca Chilufya	F	5'7"	06/08/1999	PRISS-kah chee-LOO-feeah	Kitwe, Zambia
25 Sophia Mattice	D	5'8"	06/25/2002	soh-FEE-uh mah-TICE	Folsom, Calif.
27 Maithé López (Loan)	GK	5'7"	01/24/2007	mai-TAY LOH-pehs	Bucaramanga, Colombia
30 Faith Nguyen	F	5'7"	11/16/2003	FAYTH WIN	Costa Mesa, Calif.
32 Sveindís Jónsdóttir	F	5'9"	06/05/2001	SVEN-diss YONS-dot-ehr	Keflavík, Iceland
33 Riley Tiernan	F	5'8"	11/14/2002	RYE-lee TEER-nin	Voorhees, NJ
99 Taylor Suarez	F	5'5"	07/27/2005	TAY-ler SWAH-rez	Charlotte, NC

ACFC ROSTER

ALEX STRAUS
HEAD COACH



2
SYDNEY LEROUX
ATTACKER



3
SAVVY KING
DEFENDER



4
KARSYN CHERRY
DEFENDER



6
EMILY SAMS
DEFENDER



7
HINA SUGITA
MIDFIELDER



8
ARY BORGES
MIDFIELDER



9
MAIARA NIEHUES
ATTACKER



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CLAIRE EMSLIE
ATTACKER



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SARAH GORDEN
DEFENDER



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MIDFIELDER



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HANNAH SEABERT
GOALKEEPER



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NEALY MARTIN
MIDFIELDER



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EVELYN SHORES
DEFENDER



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CARINA LAGEYRE
MIDFIELDER



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KENNEDY FULLER
MIDFIELDER



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JUN ENDO
ATTACKER



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ANGELINA ANDERSON
GOALKEEPER



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GISELE THOMPSON
ATTACKER



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PRISCA CHILUFYA
ATTACKER



25
SOPHIA MATTICE
DEFENDER



27
MAITHÉ LÓPEZ (ON LOAN)
ATTACKER



30
FAITH NGUYEN
GOALKEEPER



32
SVEINDÍS JÓNSDÓTTIR
ATTACKER



33
RILEY TIERNAN
ATTACKER



99
TAYLOR SUAREZ
ATTACKER



TECHNICAL STAFF





MARK PARSONS

Sporting Director

Mark Parsons has served as Sporting Director for Angel City since January 2025.

Parsons had a successful career as a coach in the NWSL and elsewhere before taking on the Sporting Director role. His NWSL experience began in 2013, when he was named head coach of the Washington Spirit mid-season. He led the group from a last-place finish in 2013 to two consecutive playoff appearances, including an appearance in the NWSL Final in 2015.

He was head coach of the Portland Thorns from 2016–2021, leading the team to five top-three finishes. Parsons helped the club acquire a long list of world-class players, including Sophia (Smith) Wilson, Sam Coffey, Lindsey (Horan) Heaps, Emily Sonnett, Ellie Carpenter, Amandine Henry, and Nadia Nadim, as well as up-and-coming players such as Olivia Moultrie, Yazmeen Ryan, and Morgan Weaver. Under his leadership, the team won two NWSL Shields, in 2016 and 2021, and a championship in 2017.

After leaving Portland, Parsons served as head coach for the Netherlands Women's National Team from 2021–2022. During his tenure, he guided the Dutch to the quarterfinals of the 2022 UEFA European Women's Championships.

In 2023, he returned to the Spirit for a second stint.



MATT WADE

Assistant General Manager

Angel City hired Matt Wade in September 2024.

He served as head of sporting strategy at Feyenoord in the Netherlands, where he helped the club win three trophies in three seasons. Prior to Feyenoord, he worked as a consultant at Bloom Sports Partners and Sportsology, working on projects in the NFL, NBA, MLS, European football, and the NWSL. His first job in sport was as an account manager with Catapult Sports, a manufacturer of wearable athlete tracking devices that provides data to organizations in 39 different sports

Wade has a degree in criminology from the University of Leeds.

A native of Manchester, England, Wade lives with his wife, Rachael, and their wire-haired vizsla, Winston.



ALEX STRAUS

HEAD COACH

Alex Straus was announced as Angel City's head coach in April 2025 and began his tenure in June 2025. He has accomplished significant milestones throughout his storied coaching career. He began at Varegg in 2010 while still playing, later becoming assistant coach at Nest-Sotra, where he helped secure promotion to Norway's First Division. From 2014–2017, he worked at Strømsgodset as an assistant coach and head of youth development before transitioning to women's football.

Straus made history by leading Sandviken to their first-ever Toppserien league title and a Norwegian Cup final in 2021. After Sandviken merged with SK Brann, he became the inaugural head coach of Brann Kvinner, where he led them to a second title before moving to FC Bayern Munich Women in July 2022. At Bayern, Straus continued his success, guiding the team to consecutive Frauen-Bundesliga championships in 2022/2023 and 2023/2024, as well as a Supercup der Frauen victory in 2024/2025.

Straus has also coached Norway's U-23 and U-19 women's teams, further showcasing his ability to develop talent at all levels. His philosophy of long-term growth, tactical innovation, and fostering resilience has made him one of football's most respected coaches.



SAM LAITY

Senior Assistant Coach

Sam Laity was hired as the interim head coach of Angel City FC in January 2025 before the hiring of Alex Straus.

Before coming to ACFC, Laity was most recently the head coach of the Houston Dash from 2022 to 2023. Before that, he was an assistant coach for the Seattle Reign for 10 years, starting in the NWSL's inaugural 2013 season. Laity helped coach the Reign to five playoff appearances, including two Shield wins, in 2014 and 2015. He also served as interim head coach for Seattle for six matches in 2021, coaching the team to a 6-2-0 (W-L-D) record. From 2016 to 2019, he was a coach in the Reign's academy system.

Previously, Laity was director of the Pacific Northwest Soccer Club in Tukwila, Washington, as well as working as a coaching education and licensing coordinator for the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. He coached for a number of Seattle-area youth clubs after moving to the US from his native Plymouth, England, where he started his coaching career working in girls' school programs.



ELERI EARNSHAW

First Assistant Coach

Eleri Earnshaw is an assistant coach for Angel City FC and has been with the club since its inaugural 2022 season.

Before joining Angel City, Earnshaw coached NCAA D1 soccer at Fordham University, LIU Brooklyn, and Yale University. Earnshaw led the NJ/NY Gotham FC Reserves team to an undefeated season and WPSL Conference Championship in 2022. She holds an MS in exercise physiology from LIU Brooklyn and a BS in biology from Iona College, where she was a three-year captain under then-Head Coach Emma Hayes. She played professionally for Arsenal and represented the Welsh National Team at the senior and youth levels.

Earnshaw is currently pursuing a PhD in performance psychology and a UEFA A license. A native of Rhyl, Wales, Earnshaw enjoys hiking, camping, anything outdoors, and vegan food.

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LEIF GUNNAR SMERUD

Senior Assistant Coach

Eleri Earnshaw is an assistant coach for Angel City FC and has been with the club since its inaugural 2022 season.

A UEFA Pro License coach, Smerud most recently managed SK Brann W, which won the Norwegian Toppserien league in 2025 under his leadership. Prior to joining SK Brann, he spent one season at Crystal Palace in the WSL. For nearly a decade, he worked with Norwegian National Teams, serving as head coach of Norway's Under-21 men's team, guiding them to qualification for the 2023 UEFA European Under-21 Championship for the third time in history.

He has also worked with both the Norwegian Women's and men National team as interim head coach, as well as spending time as the Deputy Technical Director for the Norwegian Football Federation.



KIRSTY HICKS

Director of Performance

2026 marks Kirsty Hicks' first full season as Director of Performance with Angel City FC after joining the club in the latter part of 2025 as a consultant.

In this role, she leads the club's performance strategy across training, match preparation, recovery, and athlete monitoring, integrating sport science, cutting-edge research, and performance services to optimise player performance, recovery, and adaptation, while identifying opportunities to enhance performance processes across the club.

Prior to joining Angel City FC, Kirsty has previously worked with elite organisations including Liverpool Ladies Football Club, Newcastle United Women, and The FA, and most recently served as Director of Performance and Innovation for the Washington Spirit, overseeing applied performance science and innovation initiatives. Alongside her applied work in professional football, she is an Associate Professor in the Department of Sport, Exercise and Rehabilitation at Northumbria University in Newcastle upon Tyne, England, with an extensive publication record advancing female athlete health and wellbeing through the Women's Sport and Wellbeing IDRT. Her world-leading research integrates menstrual cycle considerations, hormonal influences, and sex-specific exercise prescription, directly informing high-performance practice and improving outcomes for female athletes at the highest levels of competition.

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HOLLIE WALUSZ

Director of Medical

The 2026 season marks Hollie's second with the club and her first as the Director of Medical.

In her role, Hollie oversees and leads all medical operations for the players including daily care needs, injury prevention, rehabilitation, and return-to-play strategy.

She takes a player-centered, collaborative approach, partnering closely with the high performance team to support athlete health, well being and sustained performance throughout the season.

Prior to joining ACFC, she was the Head Athletic Trainer at Boston University, where she provided the complete spectrum of medical care for the student-athletes and helped direct patient care and management of the sports medicine unit.



TONY VIGIL

Head of Recruitment

Tony returns home to LA to join ACFC after serving as the Academy General Manager for Houston Dynamo FC in MLS.

During his time there, Houston saw a significant rise in professionally signed academy players along with an increase in youth national team selections across multiple countries.

Prior to his time at the Dynamo, the Antelope Valley-native was the Academy Manager for LAFC where he helped build the infrastructure and player pools from the club's inception. At ACFC, he will be responsible for leading talent identification across professional, collegiate and youth levels.



CASSIDY CHRIEST

Technical Assistant Coach

Cassidy joins ACFC following her time as Head Coach of the U-14 Houston Dynamo Academy in the MLS Next league.

She is currently a candidate on the Elite Formations Coaching License (EFCL), a prestigious coaching course hosted in partnership between Major League Soccer and the French Football Federation.

Her role at ACFC includes overseeing Individual Development Plans (IDPs) that address each player's unique strengths, drive high-level execution of actions, and support their overall goals.



LIZ LAGASSE

Director of Soccer Operations

Liz joins ACFC after nearly four years in the soccer operations department at the Portland Thorns beginning as a manager and working her way up to director.

Her strong experience in the NWSL will further elevate ACFC's soccer operations and player support. Prior to her time with the Thorns, she was at the University of Virginia working in operations for women's lacrosse and swimming and diving. She holds a Master's in Sports Business and Administration from Temple University.



Larissa Campelo

Manager of Soccer Operations

Campelo joins Angel City as Soccer Operations Manager after most recently serving with Tampa Bay Sun FC in a soccer operations role, where she supported team and game day operations.

Prior to her time in Tampa Bay, she worked with Orlando City SC and the Orlando Pride, gaining hands-on experience managing training logistics, matchday execution, and team services across Major League Soccer and the NWSL. She also spent time at ESPN Wide World of Sports and has served as an operations supervisor and liaison for international clubs and national teams during U.S.-based tournaments and events, working closely with sides such as Arsenal, Flamengo, and Palmeiras.



OLIVER BLITZ

Performance Analyst

Oliver Blitz has been Angel City's performance analyst since January 2024.

Before joining ACFC, Blitz was a performance analyst at Florida State when the Seminoles won the 2023 women's soccer national championship. The team were ACC regular season and tournament champions in 2022 and 2023. Previously, Blitz was team manager at the University of Missouri, and assistant director of coaching at Sporting Columbia Soccer Club in Columbia, Missouri..

Blitz has a BS in sport management from the University of Missouri and an MS in sport management from Florida State. He also holds a USSF D coaching license and an ISPAS Level 1 license.

Outside of work, Blitz enjoys playing guitar, hiking, and playing soccer.



BROCK CHARTIER

Head Equipment Manager

Brock Chartier has been with Angel City since 2022, where he oversees equipment needs for players and technical staff.

Before joining ACFC, Chartier served as equipment manager for the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado, overseeing track and field, cross country, and football equipment needs. His transformation of the track and field and cross country equipment room and offerings for the players and staff was one of his major accomplishments at the academy.

Chartier also had stints at the University of Oregon, Sporting Kansas City, and his alma mater, Missouri Western State University. He received his master's in sports management at Missouri Western and his undergraduate degree at Illinois College, where he was a four-year varsity soccer player.

During his downtime, Chartier, a native of Ottawa, KS, spends time with his goldendoodle, Beckham, and enjoys snowboarding, paddle boarding, playing soccer, and taking long hikes.



YUMA MORIYA

Performance Analyst

Yuma joins ACFC from the Washington Spirit, where he was a performance analyst for the past two years, both of which saw the Spirit make the playoffs, including the championship match in 2024 and 2025. His skills are a key addition to the club's analysis department.



MATT BRANDT

Head Athletic Trainer

Matt joins ACFC after four years in the athletic training department at UCLA for the men's soccer program, as well as track and field.

Prior to his time at UCLA, he spent six years at Cal State Northridge working primarily with the women's soccer and softball programs. The California-native also served as an intern with the Florida men's and women's swim and diving team.

As Head Athletic Trainer at ACFC, he will oversee athletic training services for all players including injury prevention, assessment, treatment, rehabilitation, and return-to-play support.



ALESSANDRO CIARLA

Performance Rehab Coach

Alessandro Ciarla joins ACFC after five seasons with the Washington Spirit, where he served as Head Athletic Trainer.

During his time in Washington, he played an integral role in the club's 2021 NWSL Championship run and helped guide the team to runner-up finishes in 2024 and 2025, supporting player health and availability through multiple title campaigns.

Prior to his work in the NWSL, Ciarla spent seven years with a leading soccer training academy serving as Director of Sports Performance and Rehabilitation. At Angel City FC, Ciarla will focus on supporting players' return-to-play as they transition back to full competition.



BROOKE MILLIET

Senior Physical Therapist



JAKE DEVRIES

Assistant Athletic Trainer



AISLING TOOLAN

Director of Rehab



BRITTANY HONG

Player Care Manager

Brittany Hong has been with Angel City since June, 2024.

Before Angel City, Hong had worked as an academic and athletic college recruiter for high school and transfer students since 2008. In 2009, she founded the CQ Soccer Academy at Champion's QUEST Athlete Academy in Los Alamitos, where she served as director until 2018. She has also worked as a strength and conditioning specialist and has a certification from the National Strength and Conditioning Association.

Hong holds a BS in athletic training from the University of Tampa, where she played varsity soccer. She is currently working towards an MBA at Cal State, Long Beach.

A native of Camarillo, California, she enjoys camping with her husband, Eddie, and dogs, Divot and Bogey. She has run five marathons—including the Boston Marathon—for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention team, raising over \$18,000 in donations.



HALEY COLE

Player Care Assistant

Haley supports the club's Player Care Manager, overseeing player housing, assisting with player appearances, and creating a high-quality experience for every player. She attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in upstate New York and played soccer as a dual major in Business Management and Communication.



CATY LESSE

Assistant Equipment Manager

Caty Lesse has been with Angel City since May 2024. Prior to joining the club, she most recently worked in Match Operations for BMO Stadium starting in 2022, for Angel City, LAFC, and international matches. Her other professional experience includes working as a match observer for USL side Monterey Bay FC in Monterey, California, as well as in operations at the Athletics, PE, and Recreation department at Caltech.

Lesse, who attended the University of Oregon, was born and raised in Sierra Madre, California, where she began playing soccer as soon as she could walk. In her free time, she enjoys boating and taking trips to Catalina Island.



MAX OKEN

Operations and Facilities Manager



ISABELLA VELJACIC

Facilities Coordinator

Isabella joins ACFC following the completion of her Master's in Management from Cal Lutheran University. She played soccer at CLU for five seasons. At ACFC, she oversees the daily operations of the club's state-of-the-art performance center, ensuring the space, schedules, and resources are set up for players and staff to do their jobs smoothly.

ACFC TRANSACTION HISTORY

DATE	PLAYER	TRANSACTION
08/23/2021	F, Christen Press	Signed, Trade from LOU
12/02/2021	D, Sarah Gorden	Acquired via trade: CH
12/06/2021	D, M.A. Vignola	Acquired via trade: WAS
12/08/2021	F, Lyler Lussi	Acquired via trade: POR
12/08/2021	F, Simone Charley	Acquired via trade: POR
12/08/2021	M, Cari Roccaro	Acquired via trade: NC
12/09/2021	M, Katie Cousins	Signed from Thróttur R.
12/09/2021	GK, DiDi Haračić	Acquired via trade: NJ/NY
12/16/2021	M, D. Weatherholt	1st Rd. 2022 Exp. Draft
12/16/2021	D, Jasmyne Spencer	3rd Rd. 2022 Exp. Draft
12/16/2021	D, Paige Nielsen	4th Rd. 2022 Exp. Draft
12/16/2021	D, Vanessa Gilles	International Signing
12/17/2021	GK, Brittany Isenhour	Acquired via trade: ORL
12/17/2021	M, Savannah McCaskill	Acquired via trade: LOU
12/19/2021	M, Hope Breslir	NWSL Draft (R3, P28)
12/19/2021	M, Lily Nabet	NWSL Draft (R3, P36)
12/19/2021	M, Miri Taylor	NWSL Draft (R4, P39)
12/20/2021	F, Jun Endo	International Signing
12/21/2021	D, Allyson Swaby	Signed from AS Roma
01/27/2022	D, Ali Rilet	Acquired via trade: ORL
01/31/2022	F, Stetany Ferrer VG	International Signing
03/11/2022	M, Madison Hammond	Acquired via trade: OL
03/15/2022	GK, Maia Perez	Trialist Signing
03/15/2022	D, Megan Reid	Trialist Signing
04/06/2022	GK, Almuth Schult	International
04/07/2022	M, Clarisse Le Bihan	International
06/29/2022	F, Sydney Leroux	Acquired via trade: ORL
01/05/2023	2023 No.1 Overall	Acquired via trade: POR, NJ/NY
01/12/2023	F, Alyssa Thompson	2023 NWSL Draft (R1, P1)
01/12/2023	GK, Angelina Anderson	2023 NWSL Draft (R3, P27)
01/20/2023	D, Merritt Mathias	Acquired via trade: NC
01/26/2023	F, Katie Johnson	Signed from SD Wave FC
02/29/2023	M, Mackenzie Pluck	Trialist Signing
03/29/2023	F, Scarlett Camberos	Acquired via transfer: CAF
04/17/2023	M, Julie Ertz	Free Agent Signing
06/01/2023	M, Amandine Henry	Acquired via discovery
08/17/2023	D, Elizabeth Eddy	NTRP Signing
08/17/2023	D, Kelsey Hill	NTRP Signing
12/07/2023	D, Gisele Thompson	U-18 Entry
01/12/2024	M, Meggie Dougherty Howard	Acquired via trade: SD Wave FC
01/18/2024	F, Casey Phair	U-18 Entry
01/23/2024	M, Rocky Rodriguez	Acquired via trade: POR
01/26/2024	F, Messiah Brigi	Acquired via trade: ORL
03/06/2024	M, Kennedy Fulle	U-18 Entry
03/12/2024	D, Madison Curry	2023 NWSL Draft (R4, P51)
08/12/2024	M, Katie Zelem	International Transfer
12/17/2024	F, Julie Dufour	International Transfer
12/23/2024	M, Macey Hodge	Preseason Signing

ACFC TRANSACTION HISTORY

DATE	PLAYER	TRANSACTION
01/21/2025	M, Alanna Kennedy	International Transfer
01/31/2025	D, Miyabi Moriya	International Transfer
02/03/2025	D, Savy King	Acquired via trade: BAY
02/21/2025	F, Maithé López	International Transfer
02/21/2025	F, Maithé Lopez	Loaned to Lexington SC
03/03/2025	F, Kiley Liernan	Trialist Signing
03/03/2025	D, Hannah Johnson	Trialist Signing
03/12/2025	GK, Bre Norris	Trialist Signing
03/12/2025	2025 International Spot	Acquired via trade: LOU
03/27/2025	M, Maiara Niehues	International Transfer
05/16/2025	D, Sophia Mattice	Trialist Signing
05/21/2025	F, Sveindís Jane Jónsdóttir	International Transfer
05/30/2025	GK, Hannah Seabert	International Transfer
07/10/2025	M, Evelyn Shores	Free Agent Signing
07/22/2025	D, Sara Doorsour	International Transfer
09/09/2025	D, Nealy Martin	Acquired via trade: NJ/NY Gotham FC
09/30/2025	M, Hina Sugita	Acquired via trade: Portland Thorns FC
10/08/2025	F, Prisca Chilufya	Acquired via trade: Orlando Pride
01/06/2026	M, Ary Borges	Preseason Signing
01/07/2026	D, Karsyn Cherry	Preseason Signing
01/07/2026	M, Carina Lageyre	Preseason Signing
01/08/2026	F, Taylor Suarez	Preseason Signing
01/09/2026	D, Emily Sams	Preseason Signing
01/14/2026	GK, Faith Nguyen	Preseason Signing
02/25/2025	F, Rajanah Reed	National Team Replacement Signing



TEAM STATS



2026 STARTING XI

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>GOALKEEPER</u>	<u>DEFENDERS</u>	<u>MIDFIELDER</u>	<u>FORWARDS</u>
March 15, 2026	Chicago Stars FC (H) W 4-0	Angelina Anderson	Sarah Gorden (C) Emily Sams Giesle Thompson Evelyn Shores	Nealy Martin Ary Borges Maiara Niehues Kennedy Fuller	Riley Tiernan Sveindis Jonsdottir
March 21, 2026	Bay FC (A) W 3-1	Angelina Anderson	Emily Sams (C) Savy King Giesle Thompson Evelyn Shores	Nealy Martin Ary Borges Maiara Niehues Kennedy Fuller	Riley Tiernan Sveindis Jonsdottir
March 27, 2026	Houston Dash (H) W 2-1	Angelina Anderson	Emily Sams (C) Savy King Giesle Thompson Evelyn Shores	Nealy Martin Ary Borges Maiara Niehues Kennedy Fuller	Riley Tiernan Sveindis Jonsdottir
April 3, 2026	Orlando Pride (A) L 1-2	Angelina Anderson	Sarah Gorden (C) Emily Sams Savy King Giesle Thompson	Nealy Martin Ary Borges Maiara Niehues Kennedy Fuller	Riley Tiernan Sveindis Jonsdottir
April 26, 2026	Portland Thorns FC (H) L 1-2	Angelina Anderson	Sarah Gorden (C) Emily Sams Evelyn Shores Giesle Thompson	Nealy Martin Riley Tiernan Maiara Niehues	Kennedy Fuller Sveindis Jonsdottir Taylor Suarez
May 2, 2026	Utah Royals FC (H) L 0-1	Angelina Anderson	Sarah Gorden (C) Emily Sams Evelyn Shores Giesle Thompson	Nealy Martin Ary Borges Maiara Niehues	Riley Tiernan Sveindis Jonsdottir Taylor Suarez
May 9, 2026	San Diego Wave FC (H) L 1-2	Angelina Anderson	Sarah Gorden (C) Emily Sams Evelyn Shores Giesle Thompson	Nealy Martin Ary Borges Kennedy Fuller	Jun Endo Sveindis Jonsdottir Taylor Suarez
May 17, 2026	Portland Thorns FC				
May 20, 2026	Kansas City Current				
May 23, 2026	Houston Dash				
May 31, 2026	NC Courage				
July 3, 2026	Orlando Pride				
July 11, 2026	San Diego Wave FC				
July 18, 2026	Chicago Stars FC				
July 26, 2026	Racing Louisville FC				

2025 NWSL REGULAR SEASON STATS

NO	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	SH	SOG	CK	OFF	FC	YC	RC	PKG
2	F Leroux , Sydney	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	D King , Savy	8	8	709	0	0	2	0	0	0	8	2	0	0
4	M Zelem , Katie	15	6	582	2	0	14	6	14	0	11	2	0	0
5	D Riley , Ali	1	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	D Reid , Megan	17	8	802	0	0	7	2	0	0	8	1	0	0
-	F Dufour , Julie	10	4	368	0	0	0	0	9	1	8	1	0	0
7	M Sugita , Hina	3	3	270	0	0	3	1	0	0	6	0	0	0
8	M Hodge , Macey	16	9	755	1	0	6	2	0	0	17	6	0	0
9	F Phair , Casey	5	0	85	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
10	F Emslie , Claire	8	7	524	0	1	10	7	29	2	4	0	0	0
11	D Gorden , Sarah	25	25	2,185	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	2	0	0
12	M Niehues , Maiara	13	3	418	2	0	10	4	0	2	9	2	0	0
-	M Kennedy , Alanna	16	16	1,351	1	1	18	7	0	0	16	0	0	0
14	M Martin , Nealy	6	5	495	0	0	3	2	0	0	8	1	0	0
15	M Shores , Evelyn	12	12	987	1	0	8	3	0	0	9	1	0	0
16	D Vignola , M.A.	20	16	1,336	1	2	19	6	0	2	18	1	0	0
17	M Fuller , Kennedy	25	21	1,827	4	3	27	8	27	0	16	1	0	0
18	M Endo , Jun	9	6	429	0	1	5	1	13	0	2	0	0	0
20	D Thompson , Gisele	22	20	1,579	1	5	11	6	0	4	30	1	0	0
21	F Thompson , Alyssa	16	16	1,395	6	2	32	21	0	2	15	3	0	0
23	F Press , Christen	21	2	416	1	0	10	4	19	1	6	0	0	0
24	F Chilufya , Prisca	2	0	17	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0
25	D Mattice , Sophia	3	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
26	D Johnson , Hannah	1	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	M Nabet , Lily	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	D Miyabi	24	12	1,347	0	2	6	1	21	0	12	1	0	0
30	D Doorsoun , Sara	7	6	542	0	0	3	2	0	0	8	1	0	0
32	F Jónsdóttir , Sveindís	12	11	971	1	1	20	10	0	2	17	1	0	0
33	F Tiernan , Riley	25	25	2,127	8	1	34	17	0	9	37	4	0	0
44	M Eddy , Elizabeth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
99	M Hammond , Madison	21	9	923	0	0	3	1	0	1	15	1	0	0

ACFC	29	19	253	111	132	28	291	33	1	0
OPPONENTS	39	20	282	119	123	39	243	34	1	4

NO	GOALKEEPER	GP	GS	MIN	SH	SV	CS	PG	PA	SV%	W	L	T	YC
1	GK Stambaugh , Hannah	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
13	GK Seabert , Hannah	4	4	360	18	14	2	0	0	77.7	2	1	1	0
19	GK Anderson , Angelina	21	21	1,890	101	66	2	4	4	65.3	4	11	5	0

ACFC	119	80	4	4	4	71.5	7	12	6
OPPONENTS	111	72	4	0	2	64.8	12	7	6

ACFC 2025 TEAM STATISTICS

SCORING

ACFC	29
Opponents	39

SHOTS

ACFC	253
Opponents	282

SOG

ACFC	111
Opponents	119

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ACFC	291
Opponents	243

SAVES

ACFC	80
Opponents	72

CORNERS

ACFC	132
Opponents	123

OFFSIDES

ACFC	28
Opponents	39

YELLOW CARDS

ACFC	33
Opponents	34

RED CARDS

ACFC	1
Opponents	1

WINS

ACFC	7
Opponents	12



PLAYER PROFILES



#2 FORWARD | DOB 05/07/1990 | 5'7"

SYDNEY LEROUX

(SID-nee luh-ROO)

HOMETOWN: Surrey, B.C.

COLLEGE: UCLA

NWSL CLUB HISTORY: LA, ORL, KC, WNY, BOS

LAST TEAM: Orlando Pride

ACQUIRED VIA: Trade from ORL (06/29/22)



COUNTRY

Canada / United States

- On October 29, 2024 signed a new three-year contract with ACFC through 2027.
- On October 20, 2024 scored her 48th career NWSL regular season goal, becoming 8th on the all-time scoring list in a tie with ACFC forward and teammate Christen Press.
- The mother of two (son Cassius and daughter Roux).
- Acquired by trade on June 29, 2022 from Orlando Pride in exchange for a 1st round draft pick and allocation money.
- Drafted into the WPS by Atlanta Beat before heading to Boston to begin NWSL career.
- A member of the USWNT from 2011-2017, scoring 35 international goals.
- Scored her first professional goal and hat trick with the Boston Breakers in 2013.
- In 2014, she helped lead the Seattle Reign to the Supporter Shield title.
- In 2017, after returning from international duty and pregnancy, scored her first goal with FC Kansas City against her former team.
- Led the Orlando Pride in scoring in 2018 and 2021.
- As a freshman at UCLA, she led the Bruins in scoring for three consecutive seasons, also notching the most career game winners by goals by a Bruin.
- Played center field for a Little League team growing up; inducted into the Little League Hall of Excellence in 2017



CAREER STATS

YR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	G	A
2026	ACFC	0	0	0	0	0
2025	ACFC	0	0	0	0	0
2024	ACFC	24	18	1,168	7	1
2023	ACFC	13	5	518	2	1
2022	ACFC	3	2	182	0	0
2022	ORL	37	6	567	2	1
2021	ORL	23	23	2,015	8	2
2019	ORL	3	0	31	0	0
2018	ORL	20	15	1,432	6	2
2017	KC	23	23	2,007	6	2
2015	WNY	3	3	269	1	0
2014	SEA	22	21	1,873	5	0
2013	BOS	19	19	1,694	11	2
TOTAL		160	136	12,267	48	11

#3 DEFENDER | DOB 02/07/2005 | 5'6"

SAVY KING

(SAV-ee KING)

HOMETOWN: West Hills, Calif.

COLLEGE: N/A

NWSL Club History: LA, Bay FC

LAST TEAM: Bay FC

ACQUIRED VIA: Trade via Bay FC (02/03/25)



COUNTRY
United States

- Selected second overall in the 2024 NWSL Draft by Bay FC, becoming the third-youngest draftee in league history at 18 years old.
- In her rookie NWSL season (2024), made 20 appearances across all competitions, recording two assists in 1,220 minutes and helping Bay FC reach the playoffs in its inaugural season.
- Signed with Angel City FC ahead of the 2025 season.
- Started five matches in her first season with Angel City FC before being sidelined for the remainder of the year due to a medical incident on the field on May 9, 2025.
- Called into the U.S. Women's National Team Futures Camp in January 2025 by head coach Emma Hayes.
- Helped the U.S. U-20 Women's National Team earn a bronze medal at the 2024 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup.
- Competed at the 2022 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup and helped the U.S. win the 2022 Concacaf Women's U-17 Championship.
- Played at the University of North Carolina (2023), starting all 23 matches as a freshman and logging a team-high 2,030 minutes.
- Played the full 90 minutes in 19 matches during her freshman season.
- Earned 2023 United Soccer Coaches All-Atlantic Second Team, All-ACC Second Team, and ACC All-Freshman Team honors.
- Helped North Carolina advance to the 2023 NCAA Tournament quarterfinals.
- Named one of five nominees for the 2023 U.S. Soccer Young Female Player of the Year award.



CAREER STATS

YR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	G	A
2026	ACFC	4	3	304	0	0
2025	ACFC	8	8	708	0	0
2024	BAY	18	12	1,106	0	2
TOTAL		30	22	2,109	0	2

#4 DEFENDER | DOB 11/02/2023 11/02/2023 | 5'7"

KARSYN CHERRY

(KAR-sin CHAIR-ee)

HOMETOWN: Lafayette, Indiana

COLLEGE: University of Louisville

NWSL Club History: LA

LAST TEAM: College, University of Louisville

ACQUIRED VIA: Preseason signing (01/07/2026)



COUNTRY

United States

- On January 7, 2026, signed with Angel City FC as a preseason addition ahead of the 2026 NWSL season.
- Appeared in 69 career matches at the University of Louisville, making 68 starts and totaling 5,610 minutes across four seasons.
- Finished her collegiate career with 12 goals and established herself as a consistent attacking presence from the back line.
- In 2025, started 19 matches during her senior season, recording three goals while anchoring the Cardinals' defense.
- Served as team captain in 2025, leading Louisville to a historic undefeated home season.
- Named 2025 Second Team All-ACC following her senior campaign.
- Earned 2025 Second Team All-American honors.
- Helped guide Louisville to its first NCAA Tournament appearance since 2019 and its first ACC Tournament appearance since 2020.
- In 2024, started 17 matches and led the team with six goals.
- In 2023, made 17 starts as she continued to establish herself as a key contributor in the ACC.
- As a freshman in 2022, scored her first collegiate goal in her first career start and added two additional goals in her debut season.

CAREER STATS

NWSL REGULAR SEASON DEBUT COMING SOON

#6 DEFENDER | DOB 07/01/1999 | 5'8"

EMILY SAMS

(EH-muh-lee SAMZ)

HOMETOWN: Boise, Idaho

NWSL CLUB HISTORY: ORL, LA

LAST TEAM ORL

COLLEGE: Florida State University

ACQUIRED VIA: Trade from ORL (01/09/2026)



COUNTRY
United States



- Earned her first senior U.S. Women's National Team call-up in 2024 and was part of the gold medal-winning squad at the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris.
- Made her senior international debut on October 27, 2024, starting and playing 90 minutes in a 3-1 victory over Iceland.
- On January 27, 2026, was named captain of the U.S. Women's National Team for the first time in a 5-0 international friendly victory over Chile.
- Scored her first senior international goal and recorded her first assist in that match, earning Woman of the Match honors.
- Has represented the United States at the U-19, U-20, and U-23 levels.
- Acquired by Angel City FC via trade from Orlando Pride on January 9, 2026.
- Selected third overall in the first round of the 2023 NWSL Draft by Orlando Pride.
- As a rookie in 2023, led all NWSL rookies in minutes played (1,977), blocks (18), and clearances (73).
- Helped Orlando record an NWSL-record 23-match unbeaten run in 2024, winning both the NWSL Shield and NWSL Championship.
- Named 2024 NWSL Defender of the Year and earned NWSL Best XI First Team honors.
- Selected to the NWSL Best XI of the Month in May and September 2024.
- In 2025, appeared in 27 matches (24 starts), logging 2,362 minutes.
- At Florida State University, made 62 appearances (61 starts), scored six goals, and helped lead the Seminoles to the 2021 NCAA National Championship.
- Earned ACC Defensive Player of the Year, All-ACC First Team, College Cup All-Tournament Team, and United Soccer Coaches First Team All-American honors during her collegiate career.

CAREER STATS

YR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	G	A
2026	ACFC	7	7	678	1	0
2025	ORL	25	24	2,183	0	0
2024	ORL	25	24	2,186	1	2
2023	ORL	22	22	1,976	0	0
TOTAL		79	77	7,023	2	2

#7 MIDFIELDER | 01/31/1997 | 5'3"

HINA SUGITA

(HEE-nuh soo-GEE-tah)

HOMETOWN: Fukuoka, Japan

NWSL CLUB HISTORY: POR, LA

LAST TEAM: POR

COLLEGE: N/A

ACQUIRED VIA: Trade from POR (09/30/2025)



COUNTRY
Japan

- Has earned 51 caps with the Japan Women's National Team.
- Represented Japan at the 2019 and 2023 FIFA Women's World Cups and the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo.
- Won the Golden Ball at both the 2014 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup and the 2016 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup.
- Acquired by Angel City FC via trade from Portland Thorns FC on September 30, 2025.
- On November 18, 2025, signed a three-year contract extension with Angel City FC, keeping her with the club through the end of the 2029 season.
- Started each of Angel City's final four matches of the 2025 regular season, playing 90 minutes in all four appearances.
- Entered the NWSL in 2022 with Portland and helped the club win the 2022 NWSL Championship.
- Recorded 13 goals and 14 assists during three seasons with the Thorns, ranking sixth in club history in assists.
- Has made 86 NWSL appearances with 75 starts, totaling 6,624 career minutes.
- Prior to joining the NWSL, played for INAC Kobe Leonessa.
- Helped INAC Kobe Leonessa win back-to-back JFA Empress Cups in 2015 and 2016.
- Named the 2016 JFA Best Young Player.



CAREER STATS

YR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	G	A
2026	ACFC	0	0	0	0	0
2025	ACFC	4	4	360	0	0
2025	POR	22	18	1,543	0	3
2024	POR	21	18	1,666	2	4
2023	POR	18	16	1,305	6	3
2022	POR	21	19	1,735	5	4
TOTAL		86	75	6,609	13	14

#8 MIDFIELDER | 12/28/1999 | 5'5"

ARY BORGES

(AH-ree BOR-jess)

HOMETOWN: Sao Luis, Maranhao, Brazil

NWSL CLUB HISTORY: LOU, LA

LAST TEAM: LOU

COLLEGE: N/A

ACQUIRED VIA: Preseason Signing (01/06/2026)



COUNTRY
BRAZIL

- Has earned 50 caps with the Brazil Women's National Team.
- Made her senior international debut in September 2020.
- Helped Brazil win the 2022 Copa América Femenina title.
- On July 24, 2023, scored her first senior international goal in the 19th minute and recorded a hat trick in Brazil's 4-0 FIFA Women's World Cup group stage victory over Panama, earning Player of the Match honors.
- Finished the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup with three goals and one assist.
- Has represented Brazil in the FIFA Women's World Cup, Copa América, SheBelieves Cup, and Olympic qualifying competitions.
- Signed with Angel City FC on January 6, 2026
- Made 53 NWSL appearances with Racing Louisville from 2023-2025.
- Scored her first NWSL goal on April 1, 2023, in a 2-2 draw against the Washington Spirit.
- In 2025, appeared in 21 matches, logging 1,404 minutes and scoring six goals in all competitions.
- Played for Palmeiras from 2020-2022 in Brazil's top division.
- Scored 34 goals in 83 appearances with Palmeiras.



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CAREER STATS

YR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	G	A
2026	ACFC	7	6	543	1	1
2025	LOU	21	16	1,404	1	0
2024	LOU	14	10	826	1	2
2023	LOU	18	17	1,454	1	0
TOTAL		60	49	4,329	4	3

#9 FORWARD | DOB 06/29/2007 | 5'10"

CASEY PHAIR

(KAY-see FAIR)

HOMETOWN: Warren Township, New Jersey

COLLEGE: N/A

NWSL Club History: LA

LAST TEAM: Player Development Academy

ACQUIRED VIA: U-18 signing (01/18/24)



COUNTRY
South Korea



- Signed with Angel City FC on January 18, 2023, becoming the youngest player in club history at the time of signing.
- Made her professional debut on July 26, 2024, in the NWSL x Liga MX Femenil Summer Cup in a victory over Bay FC.
- Has earned 14 caps with the South Korea Women's National Team, recording four goals.
- Became the youngest player in FIFA Women's World Cup history when she appeared at the 2023 tournament.
- Was the first Korean-American to receive a call-up to the senior South Korea Women's National Team.
- Called into the South Korea Women's National Team for the 2026 AFC Women's Asian Cup in Australia.
- Scored a hat trick for the South Korea U-17 Women's National Team.
- Recorded five goals in two matches at the U-17 level for South Korea.
- Attended Pingry School, scoring 25 goals in 15 matches as a freshman.
- Trained with Player Development Academy (PDA) in Warren Township, New Jersey.

CAREER STATS

YR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	G	A
2026	ACFC	2	0	23	0	0
2025	ACFC	5	0	85	0	0
2024	ACFC	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		7	0	113	0	0



#10 FORWARD | DOB 08/03/1994 | 5'7"

CLAIRE EMSLIE

(KLAIR EMZ-lee)

HOMETOWN: Penicuik, Scotland

COLLEGE: Florida Atlantic

NWSL Club History: LA, ORL

LAST TEAM: Everton Football Club

ACQUIRED VIA: 2022 Expansion Draft (R2)



COUNTRY
Scotland

- In November 2024, signed a new two-year contract with ACFC through 2026.
- On June 8, 2024 earned her 50th career NWSL regular season match appearance vs. NJ/NY Gotham FC.
- On May 3, 2024 became the first player in Angel City club history to score a goal in three consecutive matches.
- Earned her first NWSL career brace, leading the club to a 2-1 victory over the North Carolina Courage on April 21.
- Emslie has been featured in regular appearances with Scotland Women's National Team.
- Signed with Angel City in the 2022 NWSL Expansion Draft.
- She was selected for the 2019 World Cup team.
- Named second team All-Conference USA while playing at Florida Atlantic University.
- Was the Captain of the Under-15, 17, and 19 Scottish National Team...played for Scotland in the UEFA European Championship at the U17 competition...played club soccer for Hibernian FC.
- During her professional career, Emslie has rostered with Bristol City (2016), Manchester City (2017-2019), the Orlando Pride (2019), Melbourne City (2019), and Everton (2020-2022). She was born in Penicuik, Scotland.

CAREER STATS

YR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	G	A
2026	ACFC	1	0	8	0	0
2025	ACFC	8	7	519	0	1
2024	ACFC	26	24	1,960	7	2
2023	ACFC	19	16	1,271	3	5
2022	ACFC	10	9	782	3	0
2019	ORL	11	9	771	0	1
TOTAL		75	65	5,335	13	9



#11 DEFENDER | DOB 09/13/1992 | 5'4"

SARAH GORDEN

(SAIR-uh GOR-din)

HOMETOWN: Elk Grove, Illinois

COLLEGE: DePaul

NWSL Club History: LA, CHI

LAST TEAM: Chicago Stars FC

ACQUIRED VIA: Trade from CHI (12/2/21)



COUNTRY
United States

- Made her 100th career match appearance in a 2-1 victory over the North Carolina Courage on April 21.
- Named to the 2023 NWSL Best XI honors.
- Nominated for the NWSL Defender of the Year award.
- Earned NWSL Best XI honors in the month of August.
- In 2023, recorded 11 blocks and 21 interceptions in 2,070 minutes. She also had a 79% passing success rate with 1,096 total passes.
- After returning from tearing her ACL early in the 2022 preseason, Gordon earned the 2023 Iron Woman award for playing every minute of every match in the 2023 NWSL Season.
- Acquired by Angel City through a trade with Chicago on December 2, 2021.
- In her career, has recorded 170 clearances and 103 interceptions.
- During her last season with the Red Stars, appeared in 27 games, including the NWSL Championships, and became Chicago's first Iron Woman, playing every minute of the 2021 season.
- Played with Chicago from 2016-2021, appearing in 78 matches.
- In 2016, was drafted by the Chicago Red Stars with the second pick of the third round.
- She is the first DePaul player to be drafted into the NWSL
- During her senior year, played in all 20 matches and earned All-Big East First-Team honors.
- Was a dual-sport athlete in soccer and track-and-field, and a Three-time member of BIG EAST Conference All-Academic

CAREER STATS

YR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	G	A
2026	ACFC	6	5	534	0	1
2025	ACFC	26	26	2275	0	0
2024	ACFC	24	24	2,058	0	0
2023	ACFC	22	22	1,890	0	0
2022	ACFC	0	0	0	0	0
2021	CHI	24	24	2,160	0	0
2019	CHI	23	23	2,053	0	0
2018	CHI	17	12	1,248	0	0
2017	CHI	5	3	224	0	0
2016	CHI	4	0	110	0	0
TOTAL		151	138	12,450	0	1

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#12 MIDFIELDER | 08/11/2024 | 5'9"

MAIARA NIEHUES

(my-AR-uh NOOS)

HOMETOWN: Itapiranga, Santa Catarina, Brazil

NWSL CLUB HISTORY: LA

LAST TEAM: Sporting Clube de Portugal (Sporting CP)

COLLEGE: N/A

ACQUIRED VIA: Int'l Transfer (03/27/2025)



COUNTRY
Brazil

- Received her first senior call-up to the Brazil Women's National Team in 2026.
- Previously represented Brazil at the U-20, U-18, U-17, and U-16 levels from 2020-2022.
- Appeared in two matches at the 2024 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup.
- Across youth international competitions, recorded eight goals and four assists.
- Signed with Angel City FC via international transfer on March 27, 2025.
- Scored her first Angel City FC goal on September 1, 2025, in a 2-1 victory over Bay FC.
- Spent three seasons with Sporting CP, making 57 appearances in all competitions.
- Scored 18 goals and added three assists in 3,214 minutes with Sporting CP.
- Played for S.C. Internacional from 2020-2022 across the senior and youth levels.
- Helped Internacional's U-20 side reach the 2022 National Championship match.

CAREER STATS

YR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	G	A
2026	ACFC	6	6	547	1	0
2025	ACFC	14	4	482	3	0
TOTAL		20	10	1,011	4	0



#13 GOALKEEPER | DOB 02/28/1995 | 5'10"

HANNAH SEABERT

(HAN-uh SEE-bert)

HOMETOWN: Riverside, California

NWSL CLUB HISTORY: LA

LAST TEAM: Sporting Clube de Portugal (Sporting CP)

COLLEGE Pepperdine University

ACQUIRED VIA: Int'l Transfer (05/30/2025)



COUNTRY
United States

- Signed with Angel City FC on May 30, 2025 to a contract through the 2026 season, joining as a free agent from Sporting Clube de Portugal (Sporting CP).
- Made her Angel City FC and NWSL debut on August 16, 2025.
- Served as Team Captain for Sporting CP during the 2024–25 season.
- Has made 87 appearances since 2021, totaling 7,885 minutes played in all competitions, the most by a goalkeeper in Sporting CP club history.
- Helped Sporting CP win the 2022 Portugal Cup and the 2024 Portugal Super Cup.
- Named Liga BPI Goalkeeper of the Year three times.
- Previously competed for Vålerenga in Norway's Topserien and Fortuna Hjørring in Denmark's Danish Women's League.
- Helped win the 2020 Norwegian League title, 2020 and 2021 Norwegian Cup titles, the 2019 Danish Cup, and the 2018 Danish League title.
- Named the 2018 Danish League Player of the Year.
- At Pepperdine University, made 82 appearances totaling 7,582 minutes, recording a program-record 331 saves and 28 shutouts with a .813 save percentage.
- Named 2016 West Coast Conference Goalkeeper of the Year and earned 2016 All-WCC First Team honors.

CAREER STATS

YR	TEAM	GP	GS	GA	SV	SHO
2026	ACFC	0	0	0	0	0
2025	ACFC	4	4	4	15	2
TOTAL		4	4	4	15	2

#14 MIDFIELDER | DOB 04/22/1998 (AGE:18) | 5'7"

NEALY MARTIN

(NEE-lee MAR-tin)

HOMETOWN: Birmingham, Alabama

NWSL CLUB HISTORY: LOU, NJ/NY, LA

LAST TEAM: NJ/NY

COLLEGE: University of Alabama

ACQUIRED VIA: Trade (09/09/2025)



COUNTRY
United States

- Acquired by Angel City FC via trade from NJ/NY Gotham FC on September 9, 2025.
- On December 2, 2025, signed a one-year contract extension with Angel City FC through the end of the 2027 season.
- Started all six of Angel City's remaining 2025 regular season matches, playing 90 minutes in each appearance.
- Recorded her first assist for Angel City FC on November 2, 2025, against the Chicago Stars.
- Entered the NWSL in 2021 with Racing Louisville after earning a roster spot through an open tryout.
- Made 18 appearances during Louisville's inaugural 2021 season and added 11 appearances in 2022.
- Joined NJ/NY Gotham FC in 2023, starting 13 of 15 appearances.
- On November 11, 2023, became the first field player in NWSL history to serve as an emergency goalkeeper in a playoff match, stepping in during stoppage time of the 2023 NWSL Championship and helping Gotham secure a 2-1 victory.
- In 2024, set career highs with 25 appearances, 22 starts, and 1,917 minutes, while leading Gotham with 44 interceptions.
- Also recorded career-best marks in 2024 in passing accuracy (82.8%) and tackles (35).
- Earned her first U.S. Women's National Team call-up in January 2025.
- At the University of Alabama (2016-2019), appeared in 76 matches and served as team captain during her junior and senior seasons.



CAREER STATS

YR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	G	A
2026	ACFC	7	7	617	0	0
2025	ACFC	7	6	585	0	1
2025	NJ/NY	16	12	1,060	0	1
2024	NJ/NY	25	22	1,911	0	0
2023	NJ/NY	12	13	1,066	0	1
2022	LOU	11	8	611	0	0
2021	LOU	18	13	1,290	0	0
TOTAL		99	81	7,118	0	3

#15 DEFENDER | DOB 12/29/2005 | 5'9"

EVELYN SHORES

(KEN-uh-dee FULL-uhr)

HOMETOWN: Atlanta, Georgia

NWSL CLUB HISTORY: LA

LAST TEAM: University of North Carolina

COLLEGE: University of North Carolina

ACQUIRED VIA: Collegiate Signing (07/10/2025)



COUNTRY
United States

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- Signed with Angel City FC to a contract through the 2028 season.
- Made her professional and NWSL debut on August 1, 2025, starting against the Seattle Reign.
- Scored her first NWSL goal on September 18, 2025, in a 2-2 draw against the Washington Spirit.
- Has represented the United States at the U-23 and U-20 levels.
- In 2025, was the only collegiate player named to the U.S. U-23 Women's National Team roster.
- Scored her first international goal in a 2-1 victory over Germany with the U-23 USWNT.
- Called into the first U.S. U-23 Women's National Team camp of 2026 (Feb. 27-March 7, South Florida).
- Helped the U-20 USWNT win the 2022 Sud Ladies Cup.
- Played at the University of North Carolina and helped the Tar Heels win the 2024 NCAA National Championship.
- Made 23 appearances in 2024, recording five goals and four assists in 1,001 minutes.
- Named to the 2023 ACC All-Freshman Team.
- Ranked No. 33 on Top Drawer Soccer's 2023 Midseason Top-100 Freshman list.

CAREER STATS

YR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	G	A
2026	ACFC	7	6	624	1	1
2025	ACFC	12	12	983	1	0
TOTAL		19	18	1,607	2	1

#16 MIDFIELDER | DOB 11/01/2003 | 5'7"

CARINA LAGEYRE

(kuh-REE-nah luh-GEER)

HOMETOWN: Cooper City, Florida

NWSL CLUB HISTORY: LA

LAST TEAM Duke University

COLLEGE: Duke University

ACQUIRED VIA: Preseason Signing (01/07/2026)



COUNTRY
United States



- Signed with Angel City FC on January 7, 2026 to a three-year contract.
- Has represented the United States at the U-15, U-17, and U-20 levels.
- Competed at the 2022 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup with the U.S. U-20 Women's National Team.
- Helped the U.S. U-20 Women's National Team win the 2022 Sud Ladies Cup.
- Won the 2019 UEFA Women's Development Tournament with the U.S. U-17 Women's National Team.
- Played at Duke University, appearing in 65 matches with 59 starts and logging 3,962 minutes.
- Scored six career goals at Duke, including three game-winning goals.
- Contributed to 56 team victories and two NCAA College Cup appearances (2024, 2025).
- In her senior season (2025), started all 22 matches, recording two goals and 1,835 minutes as Duke posted a 17-5-1 record.
- Was ranked No. 4 overall nationally in the Class of 2022 and the top-ranked midfielder from the state of Florida.

CAREER STATS

YR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	G	A
2026	ACFC	2	0	11	0	0
TOTAL		2	0	11	0	0



#17 MIDFIELDER | DOB 03/09/2007 | 5'5"

KENNEDY FULLER

(KEN-uh-dee FULL-uhr)

HOMETOWN: Southlake, Texas

COLLEGE: N/A

NWSL Club History: LA

LAST TEAM: Club Solar SC

ACQUIRED VIA: U-18 Entry (3/6/24)



COUNTRY
United States

- Recently trained with the U.S. U-20 Women's National Team as part of preparations for the 2026 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup in Poland.
- Scored four goals and recorded three assists in 26 matches during the 2025 NWSL season.
- Scored her first career NWSL regular-season goal in the 12th minute of a 3-2 victory over Racing Louisville FC on June 19, 2024.
- Signed with Angel City FC on March 6, 2024, through 2026 with an option through 2027 via the NWSL U-18 Entry Mechanism.
- Served as captain for the U.S. U-17 Women's National Team.
- Scored eight goals in five appearances for the U.S. U-17 Women's National Team, helping lead the squad to the 2024 Concacaf Women's U-17 Championship title in Mexico.
- Helped the U.S. U-17 Women's National Team qualify for the 2024 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup.
- The second-youngest player to sign a contract in Angel City FC history, behind Casey Phair.
- Trained with Chelsea FC Women for three weeks at the end of 2023 under then-manager Emma Hayes.
- Helped the U.S. U-16 Women's National Team win the Mondial Montaigu Tournament in France.
- Originally committed to play at the University of North Carolina beginning in the fall of 2024.
- Completed high school in two and a half years in order to enroll in college early.
- In her final season at Southlake Carroll High School, recorded 55 goals and 26 assists while leading the team to a 29-1 record and district title.
- Won 2023 Texas State and District MVP honors, Gatorade Texas Player of the Year, and Dallas Morning News Soccer Player of the Year.

CAREER STATS

YR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	G	A
2026	ACFC	7	6	515	1	2
2025	ACFC	26	21	1,850	4	3
2024	ACFC	19	10	979	1	0
TOTAL		52	37	3,344	6	5

#18 MIDFIELDER | DOB 05/24/2000 | 5'6"

JUN ENDO

(june END-oh)

HOMETOWN: Shirakawa, Fukushima, Japan

COLLEGE: JFA Academy Fukushima LSC

NWSL Club History: LA

LAST TEAM: Nippon TV Tokyo Verdy Beleza

ACQUIRED VIA: Int'l Transfer (12/20/21)



COUNTRY
Japan



- Signed with Angel City FC on December 20, 2021 from Nippon TV Tokyo Verdy Beleza ahead of the club's inaugural season.
- On April 29, 2022, made her NWSL debut in Angel City's first-ever regular season match, assisting the opening goal and scoring the second in a victory over the North Carolina Courage.
- In September 2024, agreed to a new two-year contract extension through the 2027 season.
- Represented Japan at the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup, recording one goal and two assists as the team advanced to the quarterfinals.
- Was the youngest player selected to Japan's 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup roster.
- Selected to Japan's senior national team for the 2019 SheBelieves Cup, making her first appearance against the United States on February 27, 2019.
- Debuted professionally with Nippon TV Tokyo Verdy Beleza in 2018 in the Nadeshiko League Division 1.
- Helped Beleza win the 2019 AFC Women's Club Championship.
- Represented Japan at the 2018 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup, playing in all six matches and scoring two goals as Japan won the championship.
- Represented Japan at the 2016 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup, playing in four matches and scoring three goals as Japan finished runner-up.

CAREER STATS

YR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	G	A
2026	ACFC	3	1	101	0	0
2025	ACFC	10	6	444	0	1
2024	ACFC	0	0	0	0	0
2023	ACFC	17	10	909	3	2
2022	ACFC	22	22	1,925	1	3
TOTAL		52	39	3,378	4	5

#19 MIDFIELDER | DOB 03/22/2001 | 6'0"

ANGELINA ANDERSON

(an-juh-LEE-nuh AN-der-sun)

HOMETOWN: Danville, California

COLLEGE: California, Berkley

NWSL Club History: LA

LAST TEAM: College, California, Berkley

ACQUIRED VIA: 2023 NWSL Draft (R3, P27)



COUNTRY
United States



- In January 2025, Anderson was called into the USWNT senior camp for the first time in her career by USWNT Head Coach Emma Hayes.
- On January 12, 2023, drafted No. 27 overall by Angel City.
- On October 30, 2023 agreed to a two-year contract extension through the end of 2025
- On September 1, 2023, Angelina made her NWSL debut, earning her first clean sheet of her pro career.
- In 2022, Anderson capped her senior season off with 42 saves in 21 matches, finishing with a .712 save percentage.
- As a junior for the Golden Bears, she recorded a 337 minute shutout streak during the 2021 season, which came across five games, including three consecutive shutouts.
- In 2020, Anderson posted four shutouts and 68 saves while tallying a .800 save percentage. She was named to the Second Team All-Pac-12 as a sophomore.
- As a freshman for the Golden Bears, she was awarded First Team All-Pacific, First Team All-Region, First Team All-Pac-12, Pac-12 Goalkeeper of the Year, Pac-12 Freshman of the Year, and four Pac-12 Goalkeeper of the Week honors.
- In 2018, she served as Captain and starting Goalkeeper for the Under-17 United States Women's National Team at the FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup in Uruguay.

CAREER STATS

YR	TEAM	GP	GS	GA	SV	SHO
2026	ACFC	7	7	9	21	1
2025	ACFC	22	22	37	68	2
2024	ACFC	3	3	6	17	0
2023	ACFC	4	4	3	19	1
TOTAL		36	36	55	125	4

#20 DEFENDER | DOB 12/02/2005 | 5'4"

GISELE THOMPSON

(juh-ZELL TOMP-sun)

HOMETOWN: Studio City, California

COLLEGE: N/A

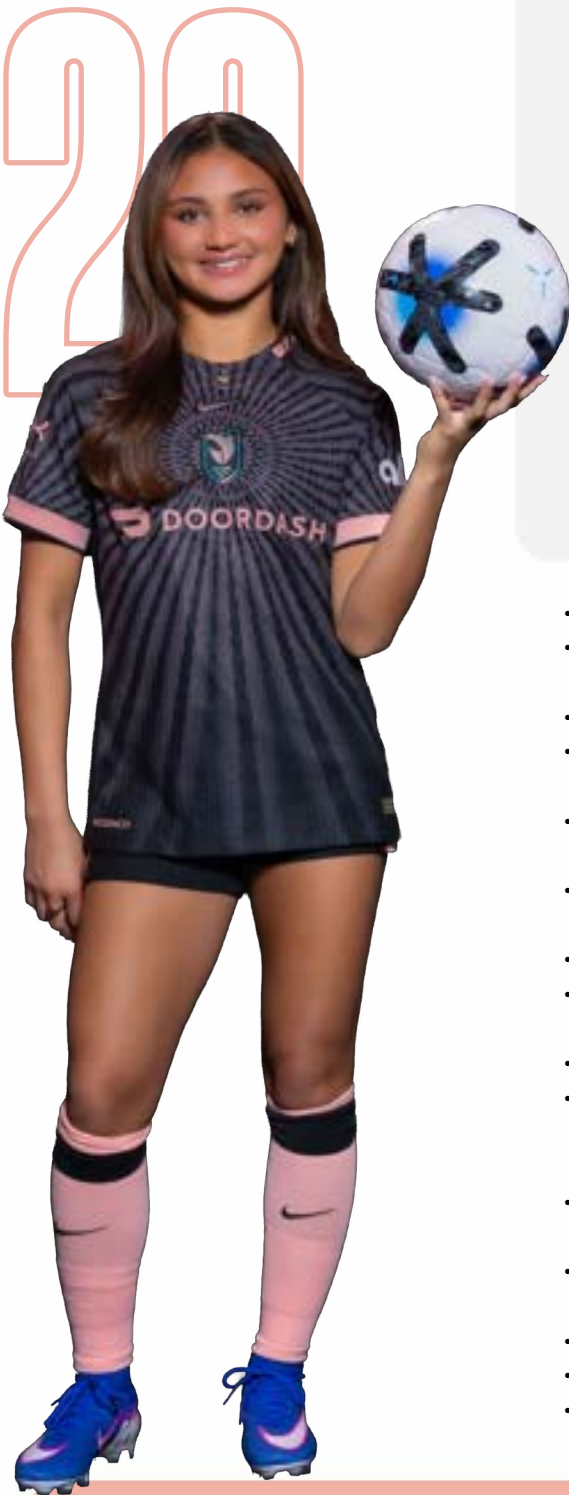
NWSL Club History: LA

LAST TEAM: Total Futbol Academy (MLS Next)

ACQUIRED VIA: U-18 Entry (12/7/23)



COUNTRY
United States



- Named Best XI defender in March 2026
- Signed with Angel City FC on December 7, 2023, via the NWSL U-18 Entry Mechanism, four days before her 18th birthday.
- On January 29, 2026, signed a two-year contract extension through the 2028 season.
- Named to the U.S. Women's National Team roster for the 2026 SheBelieves Cup, marking her seventh senior national team call-up under head coach Emma Hayes.
- In January 2026, appeared in two USWNT friendlies, contributing to a 6-0 victory over Paraguay and a 3-0 win over Chile.
- Helped the U.S. U-20 Women's National Team earn a bronze medal at the 2024 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup.
- Helped the U.S. earn silver at the 2023 Concacaf Women's U-20 Championship.
- Helped the U.S. U-17 Women's National Team win the 2022 Concacaf Women's U-17 Championship and competed at the 2022 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup.
- Helped the U.S. earn bronze at the 2023 Pan American Games.
- May 3, 2025, became part of the first sister duo in NWSL history to combine for a goal when she scored her first professional goal off an assist from her sister, former ACFC forward Alyssa Thompson, in a 4-3 victory over the Washington Spirit.
- On May 18, 2024, became one of the first sisters in NWSL history to appear in the Starting XI for the same club in the same match, alongside former ACFC forward Alyssa Thompson
- On October 20, 2024, recorded her first NWSL assist in a 1-1 draw against the Utah Royals FC at BMO Stadium.
- Originally committed to Stanford University prior to entering the NWSL.
- Won the 2021 United Women's Soccer Championship with Santa Clarita Blue Heat.
- Helped Harvard-Westlake win the 2021 SoCal Regional title.

CAREER STATS

YR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	G	A
2026	ACFC	7	7	717	2	0
2025	ACFC	23	21	1,657	1	5
2024	ACFC	15	10	882	0	1
TOTAL		45	38	3,155	3	6

#24 FORWARD | DOB 06/08/1999 | 5'7"

PRISCA CHILUFYA

(PRISS-kuh chee-loo-FEE-yuh)

HOMETOWN: Kitwe, Zambia

NWSL Club History: ORL, LA

LAST TEAM: ORL

COLLEGE: N/A

ACQUIRED VIA: Trade from ORL (10/09/2025)



COUNTRY
Zambia



- Acquired by Angel City FC via trade from Orlando Pride on October 9, 2025, along with a 2025 international roster spot.
- Has represented the Zambia Women's National Team since 2018.
- Appeared in all three group stage matches for Zambia at the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris.
- Was an alternate for Zambia at the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup.
- First called into the senior national team in 2018 for the Women's Africa Cup of Nations and Tokyo Olympic qualifiers.
- Joined Orlando Pride in January 2025 following a transfer from FC Juárez.
- Made 16 appearances with Orlando in 2025, scoring two goals.
- Scored a late equalizer against the Utah Royals in August 2025.
- Played two seasons with FC Juárez in Liga MX Femenil, scoring 14 goals in 48 appearances.
- Scored 14 goals in 18 appearances for Tomris Turan during the 2022–2023 season, including two goals in the UEFA Women's Champions League.
- Helped Tomris Turan win the 2022–2023 Kazakh Women's Championship.
- Previously competed for Fatih Karagümrük in Turkey and began her professional career with Red Arrows in Zambia in 2021.

CAREER STATS

YR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	G	A
2026	ACFC	7	0	162	1	0
2025	ACFC	3	0	36	0	0
2024	ORL	16	4	512	2	0
TOTAL		26	4	710	3	0



#25 DEFENDER | DOB 06/25/2002 | 5'8"

SOPHIA MATTICE

(KRIS-tin PRESS)

HOMETOWN: Folsom, California

NWSL CLUB HISTORY: LA

LAST TEAM: University of Kentucky

COLLEGE: University of Kentucky

ACQUIRED VIA: Trialist signing (05/16/2025)



COUNTRY
United States

- Moved to the Angel City FC active roster on a short-term contract on May 17, 2025
- Signed a contract extension through the 2026 season
- Trained with Angel City FC beginning at the 2025 Coachella Valley Invitational preseason tournament in February 2025.
- Played at the University of Kentucky as a graduate senior, appearing in 18 matches and recording two goals and one assist.
- Named to the 2024 SEC Preseason Watchlist.
- Recorded a career-high 28 shots and 12 shots on goal during her final collegiate season.
- Previously competed at the University of Portland.
- Appeared in nine matches in 2020, scoring one goal and one assist.
- Named to the 2020 All-WCC Freshman Team.
- Led Portland in assists (three) during the 2022 season and earned All-WCC Honorable Mention honors.

CAREER STATS

YR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	G	A
2026	ACFC	0	0	0	0	0
2025	ACFC	3	0	27	0	0
TOTAL		3	0	27	0	0



#27 FORWARD | 01/24/2007 | 5'7"

MAITHÉ LÓPEZ (ON LOAN)

(mai-TAY LOH-pehs)

HOMETOWN: Bucaramanga, Colombia

COLLEGE: N/A

NWSL Club History: LA

LAST TEAM: Real Santander

ACQUIRED VIA: Int'l Transfer via Real Santander (02/21/25)



COUNTRY

United States

- Signed with ACFC for four years and was loaned to Lexington Sporting Club Women of the USL Super League in an effort to maximize her development as a professional
- Called up to the 2025 Senior Colombia Women's National Team training camp roster in preparation for the 2025 SheBelieves Cup
- Started in the 2026 SheBelieves Cup for Columbia against the United States.
- Helped the U-20 Colombia Women's National Team to the Quarterfinals of the 2024 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup, earning one assist in 232 minutes played in five match appearances
- Appeared in the 2024 U-17 and U-20 South American Championships
- Appeared in the 2024 U-20 Sud Ladies Cup
- Appeared in three matches for Colombia during the 2024 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup the following month, tallying 210 minutes on the pitch
- Made her professional debut for Real Santander in Colombia's Liga Femenina on June 8, 2024 against Deportivo Pereira, where she scored her first career goal in the 37th minute of the match

CAREER STATS

NWSL REGULAR SEASON DEBUT COMING SOON

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#30 GOALKEEPER | 11/16/2023 | 5'7"

FAITH NGUYEN

(FAYTH WIN)

HOMETOWN: Costa Mesa, California

NWSL CLUB HISTORY: LA

LAST TEAM: College, Texas Tech

COLLEGE: Texas Tech

ACQUIRED VIA: Preseason Signing (01/14/2026)



COUNTRY

United States

- Signed with Angel City FC on January 14, 2026 to a six-month contract ahead of the 2026 NWSL season.
- Trained with Angel City FC during the summer of 2025 prior to signing.
- Played two seasons at Texas Tech (2024–2025), making 41 appearances and logging 3,693 minutes.
- Posted a 27-7-7 record with 127 saves and a .789 career save percentage at Texas Tech.
- Recorded 19 clean sheets, ranking fifth in program history.
- Finished 10th all-time in saves in Texas Tech program history.
- Earned First Team All-Big 12 honors in 2024.
- Named Second Team Collegiate Sports Communicators All-American in 2024.
- Selected Big 12 Goalkeeper of the Week twice in 2024.
- Began her collegiate career at UCLA (2021–2023).
- Member of UCLA's 2022 NCAA National Championship team.
- Helped UCLA win Pac-12 Championships in 2021 and 2023.

CAREER STATS

NWSL REGULAR SEASON DEBUT COMING SOON

#32 FORWARD | 06/05/2001 | 5'9"

SVEINDÍS JÓNSDÓTTIR

(SVEN-diss YONS-dot-ehr)

HOMETOWN: Keflavík, Iceland

NWSL CLUB HISTORY: LA

LAST TEAM: VfL Wolfsburg

COLLEGE: N/A

ACQUIRED VIA: Int'l Signing (05/21/2025)



COUNTRY
Iceland

- Received NWSL player of the month for March 2026 after her first league brace in the ACFC match against NorCal rivals Bay FC resulting in a 3-1 win
- Named Best XI attacked in March 2026
- Was named the inaugural Sports Illustrated NWSL MVP of the Month in March 2026
- Signed with Angel City FC on May 21, 2025 as a free agent through the 2027 season.
- Made her NWSL debut on August 2, 2025, starting for Angel City FC.
- Scored her first NWSL goal on September 13, 2025.
- Recorded 12 starts during her first NWSL season with Angel City FC.
- Has earned 48 caps with the Iceland Women's National Team, recording 12 goals and 12 assists.
- Made her senior international debut in September 2020, scoring a brace in her first appearance.
- Called into the 2026 Iceland Women's National Team for its opening FIFA Women's World Cup qualifying matches.
- Previously represented Iceland at the U-19 level, recording 10 goals and seven assists.
- Spent four seasons with VfL Wolfsburg, making 93 appearances in all competitions with 22 goals and 16 assists.
- Won the 2022 Frauen-Bundesliga title with Wolfsburg.
- Competed on loan with Kristianstads DFF in 2021, scoring six goals in 21 appearances.
- Won the 2020 Icelandic Championship with Breiðablik.
- Named 2020 Úrvalsdeild Player of the Year and Golden Boot winner.
- Named Icelandic Women's Footballer of the Year in 2021.



CAREER STATS

YR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	G	A
2026	ACFC	7	7	701	3	2
2025	ACFC	13	12	1,026	1	1
TOTAL		20	19	1,727	4	3



#33 FORWARD | DOB 11/14/2002 | 5'8"

RILEY TIERNAN

(rye-LEE TEER-nan)

HOMETOWN: Voorhees, NJ

COLLEGE: Rutgers

NWSL Club History: LA

LAST TEAM: College, Rutgers

ACQUIRED VIA: Trialist signing (3/03/25)



COUNTRY
United States

- Signed Angel City FC ahead of the 2025 season as a non-roster invitee and earned a full contract following preseason play.
- Made her NWSL debut on March 16, 2025, starting and playing 90 minutes in a 1-1 draw against the San Diego Wave.
- Scored her first NWSL regular-season goal on March 30, 2025, in a 2-1 victory over Seattle Reign FC.
- Appeared in all 26 NWSL regular-season matches in 2025, making 26 starts and logging 2,206 minutes.
- Scored eight goals and added one assist in her rookie season.
- Led all NWSL rookies in scoring in 2025.
- Her eight goals rank second among rookies in NWSL single-season history and set a new Angel City FC single-season scoring record.
- Named NWSL Rookie of the Month in May and June 2025.
- Selected to the NWSL Best XI of the Month in May 2025.
- Nominated for the 2025 NWSL Rookie of the Year award.
- Played at Rutgers University, appearing in 83 matches and scoring 19 goals in 6,544 minutes.
- Set the Rutgers all-time assist record with 34 career assists, ranking sixth in Big Ten history.
- Named 2021 Big Ten Freshman of the Year and earned All-Big Ten First Team honors.

CAREER STATS

YR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	G	A
2026	ACFC	7	6	579	1	0
2025	ACFC	26	26	2,193	8	1
TOTAL		32	33	2,762	9	1

#99 MIDFIELDER | DOB 07/27/2025 | 5'5"

TAYLOR SUAREZ

(TAY-ler SWAH-rez)

HOMETOWN: Charlotte, North Carolina

COLLEGE: Florida State University

NWSL Club History: LA

LAST TEAM: College, Florida State University

ACQUIRED VIA: Preseason Signing (01/08/2026)



COUNTRY
United States



- Signed with Angel City FC on January 8, 2026 to a three-year contract after departing Florida State University following her sophomore season.
- Has represented the United States at the U-17, U-18/19, U-20, and U-23 levels.
- Called into the first U.S. U-23 Women's National Team camp of 2026
- Competed at the 2024 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup, helping the United States earn a bronze medal.
- Started at the 2022 CONCACAF Women's U-17 Championship and recorded the game-winning assist in the final against Mexico.
- Competed at the 2022 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup, scoring one goal.
- Played two seasons at Florida State (2024-2025), making 36 appearances with 26 starts and logging 1,969 minutes.
- Recorded eight goals and 14 assists during her collegiate career.
- Helped Florida State win the 2025 NCAA National Championship and the 2024 ACC Tournament Championship.
- Earned Second Team All-American honors following the 2025 season.
- Named Second Team All-ACC and selected to the NCAA Tournament All-Tournament Team in 2025.
- Finished her high school career with 73 goals and 59 assists.
- Was a two-time Gatorade North Carolina Player of the Year and two-time North Carolina Soccer Coaches Association State Player of the Year.

CAREER STATS

YR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	G	A
2026	ACFC	7	3	345	0	0
TOTAL		7	3	345	0	0