

# 2025/26 CAROLINA ASCENT



## GAME NOTES

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**CAROLINA ASCENT FC**  
(3-2-4)

3rd Place, 13 points

Head Coach: Philip Poole

## MATCH INFORMATION

**DATE:** November 8, 2025

**TIME:** 7:00 PM

**LOCATION:** Charlotte, NC

**STADIUM:** American Legion Memorial Stadium

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Jamie Padilla

Assistant Referee: Sharon Gingrich

Assistant Referee: Jacob Little

Fourth Official: Paige Bell



**FORT LAUDERDALE UNITED FC**  
(3-1-4)

4th Place, 13 points

Head Coach: Ali Rogers

## 2025/26 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	STADIUM	TIME/RESULT
Aug. 30	Ft. Lauderdale Utd	Beyond Bancard Field at NSU	D, 2-2
Sept. 6	Tampa Bay Sun FC	American Legion Memorial Stadium	D, 2-2
Sept. 13	Sporting JAX	Hodges Stadium	D, 2-2
Sept. 24	Spokane Zephyr FC	American Legion Memorial Stadium	L, 0-1
Sept. 28	Sporting JAX	American Legion Memorial Stadium	L, 3-4
Oct. 4	DC Power FC	American Legion Memorial Stadium	W, 3-2
Oct. 10	Lexington SC	Lexington SC Stadium	D, 1-1
Oct. 18	Brooklyn FC	Maimonides Park	W, 2-1
Oct. 30	Spokane Zephyr FC	ONE Spokane Stadium	W, 2-1
Nov. 8	Ft. Lauderdale Utd	American Legion Memorial Stadium	7:00 PM
Nov. 21	DC Power FC	TBA	7:00 PM
Dec. 6	Brooklyn FC	American Legion Memorial Stadium	2:00 PM
Dec. 13	Dallas Trinity FC	Cotton Bowl Stadium	3:30 PM
Dec. 20	DC Power FC	American Legion Memorial Stadium	2:00 PM
Jan. 31	Sporting JAX	Hodges Stadium	7:30 PM
Feb. 7	Lexington SC	American Legion Memorial Stadium	2:00 PM
Feb. 14	Spokane Zephyr FC	American Legion Memorial Stadium	2:00 PM
Feb. 21	Dallas Trinity FC	American Legion Memorial Stadium	2:00 PM
March 13	Tampa Bay Sun FC	American Legion Memorial Stadium	7:00 PM
March 17	DC Power FC	TBA	7:00 PM
March 22	Brooklyn FC	Maimonides Park	3:00 PM
March 28	Ft. Lauderdale Utd	American Legion Memorial Stadium	7:00 PM
April 5	Tampa Bay Sun FC	Riverfront Stadium	5:00 PM
April 11	Lexington SC	American Legion Memorial Stadium	7:00 PM
April 19	Dallas Trinity FC	Cotton Bowl Stadium	5:00 PM
April 25	Tampa Bay Sun FC	Riverfront Stadium	7:30 PM
May 9	Ft. Lauderdale Utd	Beyond Bancard Field at NSU	7:30 PM
May 19	Sporting JAX	American Legion Memorial Stadium	7:00 PM

## 2025/26 STANDINGS

Pos.		P	W	L	T	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Lexington SC	9	4	0	5	21	8	13	17
2	Spokane Zephyr FC	11	3	3	5	11	9	2	14
3	Carolina Ascent FC	9	3	2	4	17	16	1	13
4	Fort Lauderdale United FC	8	3	1	4	14	13	1	13
5	Sporting JAX	9	3	3	3	17	19	-2	12
6	DC Power FC	8	2	2	4	13	12	1	10
7	Dallas Trinity FC	8	3	4	1	9	17	-8	10
8	Brooklyn FC	10	1	4	5	13	17	-4	8
9	Tampa Bay Sun FC	8	0	3	5	9	13	-4	5

## MATCH PREVIEW

CAR	Tale of the Tape	FTL
1-2-1	Home	1-0-3
2-0-3	Away	2-1-1
17	Goals For	14
16	Goals Against	13
10.6	Shots/Game	8.0
4.4	SOG/Game	4.0
0	Clean Sheets	2

### Head-to-Head

All-Time Record: 2-3-1  
Last Matchup: 8/30/25, D 2-2

### Injury Report

#3 Giovanna DeMarco (leg)  
#13 Addisyn Merrick (leg)

■ HOME ■ AWAY



## - ABOUT CAROLINA ASCENT FC -

### OUR MISSION

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

### OUR VISION

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

### OUR VALUES

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

### OUR IMPACT PILLARS

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

### LOGO ELEMENTS

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



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### TEAM INFORMATION

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



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### STADIUM INFORMATION

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

## – TEAM INFORMATION –

### TRAILBLAZERS

Stella Spitzer became the youngest player to sign a professional contract in Gainbridge Super League history in July 2025.

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

Charlotte Burge is the youngest professional women's goalkeeper in the U.S. at age 19.

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

Carolina natives on pro contracts: B Hylton, Maggie Pierce, Macey Bader, Emily Morris

Local players on Academy Contracts: Isa Franco, Maria Tapia

### INAUGURAL KITS

Returning for a second season, the "Trailblazer Kit 2.0" will serve as the club's home uniform. The bold design highlights one of North Carolina's most iconic landmarks—the Grandfather Mountain Bridge—set beneath one of the region's signature sunsets.



The "Coastal Kit 2.0" will once again feature as the club's away look. At its center is a breathtaking Carolina shoreline sunset, capturing the magic of the region's eastern coast. A tribute to Myrtle Beach also makes its mark, where over 19 million visitors go each year to enjoy the great coastal lifestyle and the outdoors.



The Horizon Kit symbolizes the beauty of Carolina sunsets and the limitless horizons ahead for women's professional soccer in the region.



### INTERNATIONAL STAND-OUTS

Jill Aguilera, Sydney Martinez, and Maria Tapia have been called into the Puerto Rico National Team for their CONCACAF Qualifier in December 2025.

Charlotte Burge was called into the U.S. U-20 Training Camp in October 2025.

Stella Spitzer was called into the United States U-15 United States Youth National Team Training Camp in July 2025.

Isabella Franco was called into Colombia's U-17 training camp in June 2025.

### PIONEERING MOMENTS

Carolina Ascent holds the record for the highest attendance for a Super League match with 10,553 fans in their inaugural home opener.

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

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

B Hylton became the youngest goal scorer in team history on 4/12/25 (17 years old).

### HONORS

Carolina Ascent took home the first ever Players' Shield in 2024/25, rewarded to the league's best team in the regular season.

Carolina Ascent had a league-high four players on the All-League Teams after the inaugural season. Mia Corbin, Sydney Studer, and Jill Aguilera were all on the first team.

Defender Jill Aguilera took home two individual awards last season, winning the Golden Playmaker Award and the USL Super League Defender of the Year.

Head Coach Philip Poole won the inaugu-

ral USL Super League Coach of the Year award.

### TEAM OF THE MONTH

**September:** Maddie Mercado

**October:** Audrey Harding (POTM), Jill Aguilera, Sydney Studer, Philip Poole (COTM)

### LATEST HEADLINE

Aguilera, Martinez, Tapia Called Up For Puerto Rico Qualifier

The Puerto Rico Women's National Team has named Carolina Ascent defender Jill Aguilera, goalkeeper Sydney Martinez, and forward Maria Tapia to its roster for the upcoming CONCACAF qualifier against St. Lucia on December 1.

### NEW ADDITIONS

Carolina Ascent currently have nine new players on the roster this season.

- Emily Morris
- Macey Bader
- Mackenzie George
- Meaghan Nally
- Brianna Martinez
- Sydney Martinez
- Luana Grabias
- Alyssa Walker
- Maggie Pierce

### LAST TIME OUT

Thu. 10/30/25 vs Spokane Zephyr FC, W 2-1

Rylee Baisden netted her second and third goals of the season in the road victory.

### LEAGUE LEADERS

Mackenzie George and Rylee Baisden rank tied for 9th with three goals.

Audrey Harding is tied for the league lead in assists with four.

Aguilera has played the second-most crosses in the league (55).

McClelland has made the third-most saves in the league (21).

Jenna Butler is fourth in the league in clearances (49).

Harding and Riley Parker are third (15) and fourth (14) respectively in chances created.

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## GAINBRIDGE SUPER LEAGUE RECORD BREAKDOWN

### SUMMARY

Overall	3-2-4
Home	1-2-1
Away	2-0-3
Opponent above .500 (at time of game)	0-0-0
Opponent at .500 (at time of game)	0-0-1
Opponent below .500 (at time of game)	3-2-3

### DAY OF THE WEEK

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

### MONTH

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

### SCORING

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

### MISCELLANEOUS

Current Unbeaten Streak	4
Home Unbeaten Streak	1
Road Unbeaten Streak	5
Consecutive Games With a Goal	5

## ROSTER BREAKDOWN

### BY POSITION

#### Goalkeepers (3)

No.	Name
1	Meagan McClelland
15	Sydney Martinez
16	Charlotte Burge

#### Defenders (8)

No.	Name
2	Brianna Martinez
5	Jenna Butler
7	Jill Aguilera
8	Emily Moxley
12	Sydney Studer
13	Addisyn Merrick
19	Meaghan Nally
26	Isabella Franco

#### Midfielders (6)

No.	Name
3	Giovanna DeMarco
14	Taylor Porter
22	B Hylton
24	Emily Morris
25	Sarah Troccoli
28	Maggie Pierce

#### Forwards (10)

No.	Name
6	Maria Tapia
9	Mia Corbin
10	Rylee Baisden
11	Luana Grabias
17	Alyssa Walker
18	Audrey Harding
21	Macey Bader
23	Riley Parker
31	Mackenzie George
70	Stella Spitzer

## TEAM LEADERS

### ATTACK

Goals	Maddie Mercado, 4
Assists	Audrey Harding, 4
Shots	Maddie Mercado, 15
Shots on Target	Audrey Harding, 7
Chances Created	Audrey Harding, 15

### DEFENSE

Clearances	Jenna Butler, 48
Blocks	Sydney Studer, 5
Interceptions	Audrey Harding, 17
Tackles Won	Jill Aguilera and Audrey Harding, 15
Duels Won	Jill Aguilera, 59

### GOALKEEPING

Saves	Meagan McClelland, 21
Clean Sheets	None

### GENERAL

Minutes	Jill Aguilera, 810
Starts	Jill Aguilera and Taylor Porter, 9

### BY EXPERIENCE

Type	#
Veteran	23
Rookie	2
Academy	2

### BY STATE

California	5
Florida	1
Georgia	1
Missouri	1
Michigan	1
New Jersey	1
New Mexico	1
North Carolina	5
Ohio	3
Pennsylvania	1
South Carolina	1
Texas	1
Virginia	3
Washington	1

### BY COUNTRY

United States	26
Brazil	1



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## NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Position	Height	Hometown	Previous Club	Name Pronunciation
1	Meagan McClelland	GK	5'9	Kearny, NJ	Odense Boldklub Q	Meg-ann Mick-CLELL-and
2	Brianna Martinez	D	5'6	Albuquerque, NM	Orlando Pride	Brianna Martinez
3	Giovanna DeMarco	M	5'6	Philadelphia, PA	San Diego Wave	Gee-oh-vawn-ah Duh-Marco
5	Jenna Butler	D	5'10	Gainesville, VA	Washington Spirit	Jen-uh But-ler
6	Maria Tapia	F	5'8	Huntersville, NC	Academy Contract	Maria Tap-ee-uh
7	Jill Aguilera	D	5'7	Redwood City, CA	Chicago Red Stars	Jill Ag-you-lare-uh
8	Emily Moxley	D	5'8	Cary, NC	UNC Chapel Hill	Emily Mocks-lee
9	Mia Corbin	F	5'9	Maple Valley, WA	Brisbane Roar	Me-uh CORE-bin
10	Rylee Baisden	F	5'3	Yorba Linda, CA	Perth Glory FC	Riley Bays-den
11	Luana Grabias	F	5'6	Brazil	Brooklyn FC	Luana Grah-bias
12	Sydney Studer	D	5'11	Corona, CA	Washington State University	Sydney STEW-der
13	Addisyn Merrick	D	5'5	Lee's Summit, MO	Utah Royals FC	Addison Mehr-rick
14	Taylor Porter	M	5'7	San Diego, CA	Portland Thorns	Tay-lur Pore-tur
15	Sydney Martinez	GK	6'0	Rincon, GA	Brooklyn FC	Sydney Martinez
16	Charlotte Burge	GK	5'8	Virginia Beach, VA	1.FFC Kaisterslautern	Charlotte Bur-dge
17	Alyssa Walker	F	5'10	Centerville, OH	Spokane Zephyr FC	Alyssa Walker
18	Audrey Harding	F	5'10	Akron, OH	KIF Örebro DFF	Aw-dree Hard-ing
19	Meaghan Nally	D	5'7	Fairfax, VA	Odense Boldklub Q	Megan Nal-ee
21	Macey Bader	F	5'6	Apex, NC	UNC-Charlotte	Macey Bay-dur
22	B Hylton	M	5'6	Charlotte, NC	Carolina Ascent FC	B Hill-ton
23	Riley Parker	F	5'8	Dallas, TX	Tampa Bay Sun FC	Riley Parker
24	Emily Morris	M	5'4	Fort Mill, SC	Wake Forest University	Emily Morris
25	Sarah Troccoli	M	5'11	Troy, MI	Carolina Ascent FC	Sarah Truh-col-ee
26	Isabella Franco	D	5'7	Sebring, FL	Academy Contract	Ee-suh Franco
28	Maggie Pierce	M	5'4	Cary, NC	Shelbourne FC	Maggie Pierce
31	Mackenzie George	F	5'4	Lincoln, CA	Brooklyn FC	Mackenzie George
70	Stella Spitzer	F	5'4	Columbus, OH	Carolina Ascent FC	Stella Spit-zuhr

## ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

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7	Jill Aguilera	D	5'7	Redwood City, CA	Chicago Red Stars	Jill Ag-you-lare-uh
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10	Rylee Baisden	F	5'3	Yorba Linda, CA	Perth Glory FC	Riley Bays-den
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**#1 | Meagan  
McClelland**



**#2 | Brianna  
Martinez**



**#3 | Giovanna  
DeMarco**



**#5 | Jenna  
Butler**



**#6 | Maria  
Tapia**



**#7 | Jill  
Aguilera**



**#8 | Emily  
Moxley**



**#9 | Mia  
Corbin**



**#10 | Rylee  
Baisden**



**#11 | Luana  
Grabias**



**#12 | Sydney  
Studer**



**#13 | Addisyn  
Merrick**



**#14 | Taylor  
Porter**



**#15 | Sydney  
Martinez**



**#16 | Charlotte  
Burge**



**#17 | Alyssa  
Walker**



**#18 | Audrey  
Harding**



**#19 | Meaghan  
Nally**



**#21 | Macey  
Bader**



**#22 | B  
Hylton**



**#23 | Riley  
Parker**



**#24 | Emily  
Morris**



**#25 | Sarah  
Troccoli**



**#26 | Isabella  
Franco**



**#28 | Maggie  
Pierce**



**#31 | Mackenzie  
George**



**#70 | Stella  
Spitzer**

## 2025/26 TECHNICAL STAFF



### **PHILIP POOLE - HEAD COACH & GENERAL MANAGER**

- Second season as Carolina Ascent Head Coach
- 2025/26 USL Super League Coach of the Year
- 5x SheBelieves Cup Champion
- 2024 CONCACAF W Gold Cup Champion
- 2x CONCACAF W Championship Winner
- 2020 Tokyo Olympics Bronze Medalist



### **ERIKA DUNCAN - ASSISTANT COACH**

- Second season as assistant coach
- 2024 Carolina Ascent W-League Head Coach
- Coached the Charlotte Independence USL W League team for the league's first two seasons in 2022 and 2023



### **BECKY HYLTON - ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER**

- Second season with Carolina Ascent FC
- Served as an Assistant Coach with the Charlotte Lady Eagles in the former USL W League for 10 years
- Collegiate All-American at Gordon College in Wenham, Massachusetts



### **JACK VUNDUM - ASSISTANT COACH**

- Second season as assistant coach
- Head Coach of Wingate University in 2020



### **EVAN HARVEY - ASSISTANT COACH & GOALKEEPER COACH**

- Second season as assistant coach
- Spent two seasons with Charlotte FC before joining Carolina Ascent FC
- Served as an assistant coach with Limestone College and East Tennessee State University

## 2025/26 TECHNICAL STAFF



### **BRENDAN SLOMKA - FIRST TEAM ANALYST**

- Second season with Carolina Ascent FC
- Served as a Video Scout for FC Wil in the Swiss League
- Worked with game film and scouting reports with Syracuse University women's soccer team for three seasons
- Worked as a Player Development Intern for Syracuse FC



### **SUMMER JONES - HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER**

- Second season with Carolina Ascent FC
- Head Athletic Trainer with NJ/NY Gotham FC in 2023
- Assistant Athletic Trainer for Washington Spirit in 2021



### **AUSTIN TOMAZ - PERFORMANCE COACH**

- Second season with Carolina Ascent FC
- Previously worked as a performance coach with Grand Canyon University for the men's soccer and tennis teams
- Served as the Head Strength and Conditioning Coach with Webber International University



### **EMILY SAVONA - TEAM OPERATIONS DIRECTOR**

- First season with Carolina Ascent FC
- Previously served as the Director of Operations for Soccer and Lacross with the University of Oregon
- Worked as Director of Operations of North Dakota State's women's soccer team from 2021-2023



### **LYNN PUMA - MENTAL HEALTH AND PERFORMANCE COACH**

- Runs the practice Bridging the Gap Counseling
- Spent two seasons with Charlotte FC before joining Carolina Ascent FC
- Served as an assistant coach with Limestone College and East Tennessee State University



## 2025/26 PLAYER INFORMATION



### #1 MEAGAN MCCLELLAND

GOALKEEPER | KEARNY, NJ | 5'9 | RUTGERS | AGE: 25  
PREVIOUS CLUB: ODENSE BOLDKlub Q

- 2024/25 USL Super League Golden Glove Winner
- Started 18 games for Carolina Ascent FC in 2025/26
- Recorded 6 clean sheets in 9 appearances in 2024 with Odense Boldklub Q in the Kvinde-DM Liga (Denmark)
- Won the 2023 NWSL Championship with NJ/NY Gotham FC
- Represented the U.S. at the 2016 U17 World Cup

#### 2025/26 PLAYER STATS

GP	GS	SV	SV %	CS	YC	RC
8	8	21	64.7	0	0	0



### #2 BRIANNA MARTINEZ

DEFENDER | ALBUQUERQUE, NM | 5'9 | NOTRE DAME | AGE: 25  
PREVIOUS CLUB: ORLANDO PRIDE

- On loan from NWSL's Orlando Pride
- Made 27 appearances for Orlando since joining the club in 2023.
- Captain of Notre Dame in 2021 and 2022

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GP	GS	G	A	MIN	YC	RC
7	6	1	0	553	2	0



### #3 GIOVANNA DEMARCO

MIDFIELDER | PHILADELPHIA, PA | 5'6 | WAKE FOREST | AGE: 26  
PREVIOUS CLUB: SAN DIEGO WAVE

- Second season with Carolina Ascent
- Competed with NC Courage in the 2024 TST
- Won the 2023 NWSL Shield with San Diego Wave
- Selected 45th overall in the 2023 NWSL Draft by San Diego Wave
- Spent five years at Wake Forest University and was captain for three seasons

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GP	GS	G	A	MIN	YC	RC
-	-	-	-	-	-	-



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### #5 JENNA BUTLER

DEFENDER | GAINESVILLE, VA | 5'10 | NC STATE | AGE: 25  
PREVIOUS CLUB: WASHINGTON SPIRIT

- Two-time Team of the Month honors for Carolina Ascent FC in 2024/25
- Joined Carolina Ascent from NWSL side Washington Spirit in winter 2024
- Played for Carolina Ascent USL W League Team
- Five-year member of NC State women's soccer team
- Ranks eighth-most in games played in NC State program history

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GP	GS	G	A	MIN	YC	RC
8	8	0	0	720	0	1



### #6 MARIA TAPIA

FORWARD | HUNTERSVILLE, NC | 5'8 | AGE: 17  
PREVIOUS CLUB: ACADEMY CONTRACT

- On a USL Academy Contract
- Called into Puerto Rico National Team for first time for December 2025 Qualifier
- Named to the 2024 ECNL All-Conference First Team
- Selected for 2024 ODP South Region Team and ODP National Team
- Played club soccer with Charlotte Independence Soccer Club

### 2025/26 PLAYER STATS

GP	GS	G	A	MIN	YC	RC
-	-	-	-	-	-	-



### #7 JILL AGUILERA

DEFENDER | REDWOOD CITY, CA | 5'7 | ARIZONA | AGE: 27  
PREVIOUS CLUB: CHICAGO RED STARS

- 2024/25 USL Super League Golden Playmaker & Defender of the Year
- 2024/25 Stats - 2 G, 7 A, 2477 MIN
- Made 36 appearances for Chicago Red Stars
- Represents the Puerto Rico Women's National Team
- Holds Arizona program records for career goals (33) and matches played (92)

### 2025/26 PLAYER STATS

GP	GS	G	A	MIN	YC	RC
9	9	1	0	810	2	0



## 2025/26 PLAYER INFORMATION



### #8 EMILY MOXLEY

DEFENDER | CARY, NC | 5'8 | NORTH CAROLINA | AGE: 25  
PREVIOUS CLUB: UNC CHAPEL HILL

- Second season with Carolina Ascent FC
- Appeared in 5 matches for Carolina Ascent FC in first professional season in 2024/25
- Played for UNC Chapel Hill 2021-2023
- Spent freshman season at UNC Wilmington

### 2025/26 PLAYER STATS

GP	GS	G	A	MIN	YC	RC
4	3	0	1	257	0	0



### #9 MIA CORBIN

FORWARD | MAPLE VALLEY, WA | 5'9 | CALIFORNIA | AGE: 28  
PREVIOUS CLUB: BRISBANE ROAR

- 2024/25 USL Super League All-League First Team
- 2024/25 Stats: 29 GP, 12 G, 1 A
- 2025 March USL Super League Player of the Month
- Carolina Ascent 2024/25 Player of the Year
- Recorded 8 goals and 4 assists for Brisbane Roar in 2023/24 (Australia)
- 2022 Golden Boot Winner and 2x Primera División Champion with Alajuelense W (Costa Rica)

### 2025/26 PLAYER STATS

GP	GS	G	A	MIN	YC	RC
8	7	1	0	575	1	0



### #10 RYLEE BAISDEN

FORWARD | YORBA LINDA, CA | 5'3 | PEPPERDINE | AGE: 31  
PREVIOUS CLUB: PERTH GLORY FC

- 2024/25 Stats: 21 GP, 1 G, 4 A
- Scored 5 goals in 7 matches with Perth Glory in 2022/23 (Australia)
- Played for NC Courage 2020-2022
- Won 2022 NWSL Challenge Cup
- Recorded 3 goals and 3 assists in 11 matches for Brisbane Roar in 2019/20 (Australia)
- 2016 All-WCC First Team and NSCAA All-Region Third Team with Pepperdine

### 2025/26 PLAYER STATS

GP	GS	G	A	MIN	YC	RC
9	6	3	0	529	1	0



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### #11 LUANA GRABIAS

FORWARD | PARANA, BRAZIL | 5'6 | NOVA SOUTHEASTERN | AGE: 25  
PREVIOUS CLUB: BROOKLYN FC

- Appeared in 27 matches and scored five goals for Brooklyn in 2024/25
- First player in league history to transfer between clubs when she joined Brooklyn from Fort Lauderdale United FC
- Scored 59 goals in her college career across both schools
- Has represented Brazil on the U-15, U-17, and U-20 national teams.

### 2025/26 PLAYER STATS

GP	GS	G	A	MIN	YC	RC
4	0	0	0	43	0	0



### #12 SYDNEY STUDER

DEFENDER | CORONA, CA | 5'11 | WASHINGTON STATE | AGE: 24  
PREVIOUS CLUB: WASHINGTON STATE

- 2024/25 USL Super League All-League First Team
- 2024/25 Stats: 24 GP, 2142 MIN, 1 G
- Finished 4th in the league and led the team in clearances (127)
- Led the team in passes (1,320), blocks (14) and aerial duels won (65)
- Played over 7,900 minutes in 91 games with 89 starts across five years in college

### 2025/26 PLAYER STATS

GP	GS	G	A	MIN	YC	RC
8	7	0	0	610	2	0



### #13 ADDISYN MERRICK

DEFENDER | LEE'S SUMMIT, MO | 5'5 | KANSAS | AGE: 27  
PREVIOUS CLUB: UTAH ROYALS FC

- 2024/25 Stats: 19 GP, 1 G, 1 A, 1638 MIN
- Joined Carolina Ascent FC from Utah Royals FC in September 2024
- Played with KC Current in 2022 and 2023
- Played every match for the Jayhawks during her four-year collegiate career
- 2019 Big 12 Defender of the Year

### 2025/26 PLAYER STATS

GP	GS	G	A	MIN	YC	RC
-	-	-	-	-	-	-



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### #14 TAYLOR PORTER

MIDFIELDER | SAN DIEGO, CA | 5'7" | NC STATE | AGE: 28  
PREVIOUS CLUB: PORTLAND THORNS

- 2024/25 Carolina Ascent Captain
- One of four players to play every minute of 2024/25 season
- Led the team in both interceptions (37) and tackles (52)
- 2022 NWSL Champion with Portland Thorns
- Started all 85 matches in her four seasons with NC State University

### 2025/26 PLAYER STATS

GP	GS	G	A	MIN	YC	RC
9	9	0	0	765	1	0



### #15 SYDNEY MARTINEZ

GOALKEEPER | RINCON, GA | 6'0" | SOUTH FLORIDA | AGE: 26  
PREVIOUS CLUB: BROOKLYN FC

- First season with Carolina Ascent
- Four clean sheets for Brooklyn FC in 2024
- Final MVP in W League championship in 2022
- Capped Puerto Rico international
- AAC Goalkeeper of the Year and AAC Tournament Most Outstanding Defensive Player in 2020 with USF

### 2025/26 PLAYER STATS

GP	GS	SV	SV %	CS	YC	RC
1	1	3	42.9	-	-	-



### #16 CHARLOTTE BURGE

GOALKEEPER | VIRGINIA BEACH, VA | 5'8" | PEPPERDINE | AGE: 19  
PREVIOUS CLUB: 1. FFC KAISTERSLAUTERN

- Second season with Carolina Ascent FC
- Last called into the U.S. U20 Training Camp in October 2025
- Youngest women's professional goalkeeper in the U.S.
- Trained with Bay FC during 2024 NWSL preseason
- Played with 1.FFC Kaisterslautern in 2023 (Germany)

### 2025/26 PLAYER STATS

GP	GS	SV	SV %	CS	YC	RC
-	-	-	-	-	-	-



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### #17 ALYSSA WALKER

FORWARD | CENTERVILLE, OH | 5'10 | RICHMOND/IOWA | AGE: 27  
PREVIOUS CLUB: SPOKANE ZEPHYR FC

- Signed for Carolina Ascent in 2025
- Last played minutes in Denmark in 2023 and 2024, tallying four goals across 16 league appearances
- Scored nine goals and logged nearly 1,500 minutes in her debut Damallsvenskan season in Sweden in 2022

### 2025/26 PLAYER STATS

GP	GS	G	A	MIN	YC	RC
6	0	2	0	82	1	0



### #18 AUDREY HARDING

FORWARD | AKRON, OH | 5'10 | UNC WILMINGTON | AGE: 26  
PREVIOUS CLUB: KIF OREBRO DFF

- 2024/25 Stats: 21 GP, 5 G, 5 A
- Second on Carolina Ascent in goals (5) in 2024/25
- Scored the USL Super League Goal of the Season vs. FTL (4/26/25)
- Recorded the first assist in USL Super League history (8/17/24)
- One of only three players in UNC Wilmington program history to tally 20 career goals and 20 career assists

### 2025/26 PLAYER STATS

GP	GS	G	A	MIN	YC	RC
9	6	1	4	576	2	0



### #19 MEAGHAN NALLY

DEFENDER | FAIRFAX, VA | 5'7 | GEORGETOWN | AGE: 27  
PREVIOUS CLUB: ODENSE BOLDKLUB Q

- Signed for Carolina Ascent in 2025
- Made 23 appearances in Denmark for Odense Boldklub Q after joining in 2024
- 2021 NWSL Challenge Cup Winner and 2022 NWSL Champion with Portland Thorns

### 2025/26 PLAYER STATS

GP	GS	G	A	MIN	YC	RC
6	4	0	0	362	2	0



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### #21 MACEY BADER

FORWARD | APEX, NC | 5'6 | UNC CHARLOTTE | AGE: 22  
PREVIOUS CLUB: UNC CHARLOTTE

- Signed first professional contract with Carolina Ascent in 2025
- Wrapped up an impressive four-year career at Charlotte in 2024.
- First Team All-Conference twice and earned AAC All-Tournament Team honors in 2023.
- Played for NC Courage's USL W League team in 2024 and 2025.
- Earned W League Finals MVP honors in 2024

### 2025/26 PLAYER STATS

GP	GS	G	A	MIN	YC	RC
1	0	0	0	0	0	0



### #22 B HYLTON

MIDFIELDER | CHARLOTTE, NC | 5'6 | AGE: 18  
PREVIOUS CLUB: CAROLINA ASCENT FC

- First Carolina Ascent academy signing to sign a professional contract
- Became the youngest goal scorer in team history on April 12, 2025 against Brooklyn FC
- Called up to the England U-19 Women's National Team for 2025 UEFA Women's U-19 Championship Qualifiers.
- Professional Debut: August 17, 2024

### 2025/26 PLAYER STATS

GP	GS	G	A	MIN	YC	RC
4	0	0	0	42	0	0



### #23 RILEY PARKER

FORWARD | DALLAS, TX | 5'8 | ALABAMA | AGE: 25  
PREVIOUS CLUB: TAMPA BAY SUN FC

- 2024/25 Stats: 28 GP (total), 1 G, 2 A
- Played with Tampa Bay Sun in the fall of 2024
- Drafted 31st overall in 2023 NWSL Draft to Racing Louisville FC
- Played on loan with Tigres in Liga MX Femenil in 2023
- All-American and SEC Forward of the Year at the University of Alabama
- 2022 MAC Hermann Trophy Semifinalist

### 2025/26 PLAYER STATS

GP	GS	G	A	MIN	YC	RC
9	6	0	0	489	0	0



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### #24 EMILY MORRIS

MIDFIELDER | FORT MILL, SC | 5'4 | WAKE FOREST | AGE: 22  
PREVIOUS CLUB: WAKE FOREST

- Signed for Carolina Ascent in 2025
- Played in 73 games across four seasons for Wake Forest, leading them to the 2024 National Championship game
- Appeared for Carolina Ascent W League team in 2024

### 2025/26 PLAYER STATS

GP	GS	G	A	MIN	YC	RC
5	3	0	0	278	3	0



### #25 SARAH TROCCOLI

MIDFIELDER | TROY, MI | 5'11 | FLORIDA | AGE: 28  
PREVIOUS CLUB: CAROLINA ASCENT FC

- 2024/25 Stats: 20 GP, 17 GS, 3 G, 614 passes
- Played three seasons with Åland United and captained her team for two (Finland)
- Won 3 bronze medals and 2 Finnish Cup titles with Åland United
- Competed in the UEFA Champions League with Åland United
- Signed with Racing Santander for 2019/20 season (Spain)
- Played in every single match of her four-year career at the University of Florida from 2015-2018

### 2025/26 PLAYER STATS

GP	GS	G	A	MIN	YC	RC
3	3	0	0	178	0	0



### #26 ISABELLA FRANCO

DEFENDER | SEBRING, FL | 5'7 | AGE: 17  
PREVIOUS CLUB: ACADEMY CONTRACT

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

### 2025/26 PLAYER STATS

GP	GS	G	A	MIN	YC	RC
-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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### #28 MAGGIE PIERCE

MIDFIELDER | CARY, NC | 5'4 | NORTH CAROLINA | AGE: 24  
PREVIOUS CLUB: SHELBOURNE FC

- 55 starts across all competitions in 2023 and 2024 for Shelbourne, scoring twice and featuring in two UEFA Women's Champions League matches.
- Played for Carolina Ascent W League team in summer 2025
- Appeared for the Tar Heels 80 times in her five-year career
- Reached two NCAA College Cup finals in 2019 and 2022

### 2025/26 PLAYER STATS

GP	GS	G	A	MIN	YC	RC
1	0	0	0	1	0	0



### #31 MACKENZIE GEORGE

FORWARD | LINCOLN, CA | 5'4 | TENNESSEE | AGE: 26  
PREVIOUS CLUB: BROOKLYN FC

- Acquired by transfer fee prior to 2025 season
- All-League Second Team in 2024
- USL Super League Team of the Month in September and March during 2024 season
- Two-time All-SEC selection and earned First Team All-Region honors in 2021 with the University of Tennessee

### 2025/26 PLAYER STATS

GP	GS	G	A	MIN	YC	RC
9	7	3	2	639	0	0



### #70 STELLA SPITZER

FORWARD | COLUMBUS, OH | 5'4 | AGE: 15  
PREVIOUS CLUB: CAROLINA ASCENT

- Became the youngest professional player in Super League history after signing multi-year contract this offseason
- Professional Debut: October 19, 2024
- Youngest Player to Compete in the USL Gainbridge Super League
- Called into USA U-15 YNT Camp in July 2025

### 2025/26 PLAYER STATS

GP	GS	G	A	MIN	YC	RC
1	0	0	0	24	0	0