



TAMPA BAY SUN FC v. SPORTING CLUB JAX
SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 2025

MATCH PREVIEW

2025/26 Season



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Saturday, August 30, 2025 – 8:00 PM ET

Riverfront Stadium – Tampa, FL

Broadcast Live on Peacock

Sporting JAX vs. Tampa Bay Sun FC

THE GULF VS COAST CLASH

Get ready for a historic clash in the Sunshine State as Sporting Club JAX and reigning champions Tampa Bay Sun FC face off for the very first time. This highly anticipated matchup marks the birth of a fierce in-state rivalry in women’s professional soccer. With both teams carrying big ambitions and bold personalities, fans can expect fireworks from the first whistle. Sporting JAX is out to make a statement in their debut season, while Tampa Bay works to defend their title on home turf.

Despite losses in their season openers for both teams, the stage is set for a fiery showdown. Tampa Bay Sun FC, riding a dominant 10-game win streak at home, won’t go down easy, but Sporting Club JAX is hungry to make their mark in this first-ever rivalry match.

SPORTING CLUB JAX

Sporting Club JAX is making history as the first professional women’s sports team in Jacksonville, Florida, debuting in the 2025/2026 season of the Gainbridge Super League. As the league’s newest expansion team, Sporting Club JAX is led by President and GM Steve Livingstone, with Mark Warburton sitting as the Head of Soccer Operations. Together, they’ve built a bold and ambitious club ready to make waves in the league and inspire a new generation of fans across Northeast Florida.

Head Coach Stacey Balaam brings a strong vision and competitive edge to the pitch, guiding a young squad with high potential and fierce determination. Despite a tough opening loss to DC Power FC this past Saturday during their inaugural game, Sporting JAX is focused on growth and hungry to compete. With the city of Jacksonville rallying behind them, Sporting JAX is more than just a team—it’s the start of something big.

TAMPA BAY SUN FC

Tampa Bay Sun FC has quickly become a powerhouse in women’s professional soccer, bringing championship energy and a bold vision to the pitch. Owned by local leaders Jeff Fox, David Laxer, and Daryll Shaw, the club has deep roots in the Tampa community and a commitment to building a lasting legacy in the sport. Under the leadership of President and General Manager Christina Unkel, Tampa Bay has combined elite talent with top-tier operations to set a new standard in the league.

On the field, Head Coach Denise Schilte-Brown has shaped a fearless, high-performing squad that delivered big last season—capturing the USL Championship title in dominant fashion. With a strong core of returning players and a passionate fanbase behind them, Tampa Bay Sun FC is aiming to defend their crown and shine even brighter in 2025.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Be there from the beginning. Celebrate the inaugural season of Sporting Club Jacksonville and witness women’s soccer at its best.

Tickets available now at SportingJAX.com

BROADCAST COVERAGE

The match will be broadcast live on Peacock. Local fans can tune in to catch all the action if they can’t make it along to the stadium.

WHAT’S NEXT

The team returns to Hodges Stadium for a three-game home stint, starting with a faceoff against Dallas Trinity FC on Friday, September 6 at 7:30 p.m.



MATCH NOTES



MATCH INFO



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 DATE: SATURDAY, AUGUST 30
 TIME (EST): 8:00 P.M.
 STADIUM: RIVERFRONT STADIUM (TAMPA, FL)
 BROADCAST: PEACOCK
 PXP: -
 ANALYST: -
 SIDELINE REPORTER: -

MATCH OFFICIALS

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LEAGUE STANDINGS

- DC Power FC | (1-0-0) 3pts
- Dallas Trinity FC | (1-0-0) 3pts
- Brooklyn FC | (1-0-0) 3pts
- Fort Lauderdale United FC | (0-0-1) 1pt
- Lexington SC | (0-0-1) 1pt
- Carolina Ascent FC | (0-0-0)
- Spokane Zephyr FC | (0-1-0)
- Tampa Bay Sun FC | (0-1-0)
- Sporting Club JAX | (0-1-0)

PLAYER AVAILABILITY REPORT

OUT:
 Parker Roberts (knee)

UNAVAILABLE:
 NONE

2025/26 SCHEDULE

HOME

AWAY

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	RESULT
Aug. 23	DC Power FC	Hodges Stadium - UNF	L 1-3
Aug. 30	Tampa Bay Sun FC	Riverfront Stadium	-
Sep. 6	Dallas Trinity FC	Hodges Stadium - UNF	-
Sep. 13	Carolina Ascent FC	Hodges Stadium - UNF	-
Sep. 28	Carolina Ascent FC	American Legion Memorial Stadium	-
Oct. 4	Brooklyn FC	Maimonides Park	-
Oct. 12	DC Power FC	Audi Field	-
Oct. 18	Tampa Bay Sun FC	Hodges Stadium - UNF	-
Oct. 31	Lexington SC	Lexington SC Stadium	-
Nov. 8	Dallas Trinity FC	Cotton Bowl	-
Nov. 22	Fort Lauderdale United	Hodges Stadium - UNF	-
Dec. 6	Tampa Bay Sun FC	Riverfront Stadium	-
Dec. 13	Fort Lauderdale United	Hodges Stadium - UNF	-
Dec. 20	Tampa Bay Sun FC	Hodges Stadium - UNF	-
Jan. 31	Carolina Ascent FC	Hodges Stadium - UNF	-
Feb. 7	DC Power FC	Hodges Stadium - UNF	-
Feb. 11	Spokane Zephyr FC	Hodges Stadium - UNF	-
Feb. 21	Lexington SC	Lexington SC Stadium	-
March 14	Fort Lauderdale United	Beyond Bancard Field	-
March 22	Dallas Trinity FC	Cotton Bowl	-
March 28	Spokane Zephyr FC	Hodges Stadium - UNF	-
April 4	Brooklyn FC	Hodges Stadium - UNF	-
April 11	Fort Lauderdale United	Beyond Bancard Field	-
April 19	Spokane Zephyr FC	One Spokane Stadium	-
April 25	Lexington SC	Hodges Stadium - UNF	-
May 3	Brooklyn FC	Hodges Stadium - UNF	-
May 6	DC Power FC	Audi Field	-
May 16	Carolina Ascent FC	American Legion Memorial Stadium	-



THE TEAMS



SPORTING CLUB JAX



TAMPA BAY SUN FC



CONNECTIONS

WITH OPPONENT

- Kaitlyn Parks and Emory Wegener take their tandem training from The Keeper Institute, to the professional pitch
- USF soccer program products Georgia Brown (JAX), Vivianne Bessette (TB), Sydney Nasello (TB), and Jordyn Listro (TB) take the pitch
- Former teammates are popular in this match as we see reunions between Daviana Vaka and Sabrina McNeill from Fort Lauderdale, and Grace Philpotts with Mackenzie Pluck during their time at Brooklyn FC

WITH TEAM

- Julia Lester is back under the guidance of Alan Kirkup after their time together at the University of Florida during Kirkup's tenure as assistant coach
- Jessie Hunt and Sophia Boman trade the kindergarten class for the professional pitch. Hunt and Boman both grew up in Edina, Minnesota, and attended Cornelia Elementary School together

TEAM LEADERS

SPORTING JAX

- Goals: Jade Pennock (1)
- Assists: Meg Hughes (1)
- Tackles: Ashlyn Puerta (3)
- Shots: Ashlyn Puerta (2)
- Saves: Kaitlyn Parks (2)

COACHING STAFF

- Head Coach** Stacey Balaam (JAX)
Denise Schilte-Brown (TB)
- Assistant Coach** Alan Kirkup (JAX)
Erich Leite (TB)
Ashani Fairclough (TB)
- Goalkeeper Coach** Mat Cosgriff (JAX)
Tristin Stuteville (TB)
- Performance Coach** Steve Fell (JAX)
Sami Diamond (TB)

TEAM LEADERS

TAMPA BAY

- Goals: Carlee Giammona (1)
- Assists: Sydney Nasello (1)
- Tackles: Emerson Elgin (4)
- Shots: Carlee Giammona & Jordan Zade (3)
- Saves: Sydney Schneider (1)



HEAD COACH



STACEY BALAAM

Originally from Suffolk, England, Stacey Balaam grew up surrounded by the game of soccer. Before starting her collegiate career at the University of Montevallo, Balaam was a member of the U19 England national team. Her time playing the game resulted in a three-year captaincy, an MVP, and a tied title atop the school's all-time scoring list. While being as an assistant coach at North Georgia, she helped the school go 91-24-10 over the course of four seasons, with five NCAA Tournament appearances. Now with Sporting JAX, Balaam aims to bring success to the First Coast during their inaugural season. With much care taken in choosing the roster for the first team in Sporting JAX history, Balaam brought together a group of young and talented players. Balaam, alongside Alan Kirkup and Mat Cosgriff, look to bring a winning team to the many fans of this new hometown team.

HONORS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2019 NCAA Division II Women's Soccer South Region Advisory Committee member
- University of Montevallo Hall of Fame
- 2011 W-League champion
- Gulf South Conference's All-Time Team





Alan Kirkup | Associate Head Coach

Kirkup brings over three decades of elite-level experience as both a player and coach, including a standout playing career with Manchester United from 1972-76, along with a decorated coaching tenure in NCAA and NWSL circles.

A stalwart of the University of Florida's women's program from 2006-2021, Kirkup served as assistant and associate head coach under legendary head coach and current Sporting JAX technical consultant Becky Burleigh, helping to guide the Gators to 12 SEC titles and multiple NCAA Tournament runs. He later joined Burleigh as an assistant at the NWSL's Orlando Pride in 2021 before serving as a consultant for the Houston Dash in 2022.



Mat Cosgriff | Goalkeeper Coach

Cosgriff brings more than 20 years of collegiate coaching experience to Sporting JAX, having most recently served 11 seasons as associate head coach and goalkeeper coach for the Southern Methodist University (SMU) women's soccer program.

During his tenure at SMU, Cosgriff helped guide the Mustangs to multiple NCAA Tournament appearances and three American Athletic Conference (AAC) Championship Finals (2016, 2022, 2023). He was instrumental in developing goalkeepers and defensive units that recorded 53 shutouts since 2016, including 10 in 2021. He also contributed to a record-setting 2022 campaign, with program bests in goals-against average (0.68) and save percentage (.854).



Mark Warburton | Head of Soccer, Sporting Director

In this role, Warburton will lead all technical aspects of Sporting JAX's USL professional and pre-professional soccer teams, including the women's USL Super League and men's USL Championship teams, along with the club's USL W League and USL League Two teams.

Additionally, he will spearhead the development of a new professional soccer academy as part of Sporting JAX Soccer Academy, bringing elite-level coaching and greater access to development opportunities for young players across Northeast Florida.

This high-profile appointment brings a leader with a distinguished career in global soccer. Most recently, Warburton played a pivotal role in guiding West Ham United to victory in the UEFA Europa Conference League in 2023 with a historic 2-1 victory over Italian club Fiorentina.



Steve Fell | Head of Sports Performance

Fell's journey to his current role in soccer began as a player, playing collegiately at Towson University. In the classroom, he studied exercise science and saw direct correlation between his studies and athletic participation. He enrolled in physical therapy school; an opportunity that helped him connect with industry titans, allowing him to learn from some of the best in the game. After his time with the Phoenix Rising FC, Fell took on a role with the United States Soccer Federation which ultimately led to his appointment of performance coach for the senior U.S. Men's National Team. Fell traveled with them to the World Cup qualification and the tournament in Qatar.



NAME ROSTER



#	PLAYER	POS	HT	DOB	HOMETOWN	COLLEGE	PREV. PRO CLUB
1	Jamie Gerstenberg	GK	5'11"	12/11/2002	Birkenwerder, Germany	Indiana University	-
2	Parker Roberts	M	5'6"	7/30/1997	Leawood, Kansas	University of Florida	Orlando Pride SC
3	Sophia Boman	M	5'7"	1/16/2002	Edina, Minnesota	University of Minnesota	-
4	Maddie Kemp	F	5'7"	12/19/2000	Camas, Washington	University of Kentucky	-
5	Georgia Brown	D	6'2"	8/31/2002	Highworth, England	University of South Florida	-
6	Jessie Hunt	M	5'9"	1/10/2002	Edina, Minnesota	Northeastern University	-
7	Jade Pennock	F	5'5"	1/8/1993	Pontefract, England	University of Montevallo	Central Coast Mariners FC
8	Sophie Jones	M	5'5"	7/17/2001	Menlo Park, California	Duke University	Chicago Red Stars
10	Meg Hughes	F	5'6"	5/16/2002	Rochester, Massachusetts	Michigan State University	-
11	Andrea Fernandez	F	5'4"	7/30/2000	Pozoblanco, Spain	Flagler College	-
12	Caroline Murray	M/F	5'5"	5/5/1993	Madison, Wisconsin	University of New Hampshire	Thróttur FC
13	Kaitlyn Parks	GK	5'7"	8/30/2001	Upper Marlboro, Maryland	Michigan State University	-
15	Katie Sullivan	F	5'8"	12/27/2002	Yardley, Pennsylvania	Johns Hopkins University	-
16	Helena Errington	M	5'4"	7/31/2005	Wellington, New Zealand	Massey University	Wellington Phoenix FC
17	Baylee DeSmit	M	5'7"	9/28/2002	Towson, Maryland	Loyola University Maryland	-
19	Ashlyn Puerta	M/F	5'8"	2/27/2007	San Diego, California	Florida State University	-
20	Julia Lester	D	5'4"	01/16/1998	Tampa, Florida	University of Florida	Seattle Reign FC
22	Zara Siassi	D	5'7"	1/31/2002	Lake Worth, Florida	University of North Florida	-
23	Daviana Vaka	D	5'7"	8/11/2001	Sandy, Utah	University of Florida	Fort Lauderdale United FC
24	Grace Phillpotts	D	5'5"	10/1/2002	Fenton, Michigan	University of Kentucky	-
27	Paige Kenton	D	5'10"	4/2/2002	Wilmington, Delaware	University of Delaware	-

#	ACADEMY PLAYER	POS	HT	DOB	HOMETOWN	CLUB	COLLEGE COMMITMENT
14	Sydney Schmidt	M	5'6"	1/25/2008	Jacksonville, Florida	Sporting JAX Soccer Academy	Florida State University
18	Sara Weisberg	M	5'4"	2/17/2009	Jacksonville, Florida	Sporting JAX Soccer Academy	Syracuse University
30	Hailey Smith	GK	5'10"	7/12/2008	Jacksonville, Florida	Sporting JAX Soccer Academy	-

PHONETICAL PRONUNCIATIONS
Jamie Gerstenberg; JAY - me GUR-sten-berg
Jade Pennock; JAY-d PEN-uck
Andrea Fernandez; an-DREY-uh FUR-nan-dez
Caroline Murray; CARE-o-line MUR-ey
Helena Errington; Hu-LAY-nu AIR-ing-ton
Ashlyn Puerta; ASH-lin PWAIR-ta
Zara Siassi; ZAIR-uh SEE-AH-see
Daviana Vaka; DAY-vee-AH-na VA-ka
Sara Weisberg; SARE-uh WISE-berg
Stacey Balaam; Stacey BAY-lum

BY EXPERIENCE
TYPE #
Veteran 7
Rookie 14
Academy 3

BY STATE
STATE #
California 2
Delaware 1
Florida 5
Kansas 1
Maryland 2
Massachusetts 1
Michigan 1
Minnesota 2
Pennsylvania 1
Utah 1
Washington 1
Wisconsin 1
INTERNATIONAL 5

EXECUTIVE FRONT OFFICE
<u>Majority Owner</u> Ricky Caplin
<u>President/CEO</u> Steve Livingstone
<u>Chief Operating Officer</u> J.J. Keitzer
<u>Chief Community Officer</u> Tony Allegretti



PLAYER BIOS



#3 | Sophia Boman | M

1/16/2002 | 5'7" | Edina, Minnesota | she/her

CAREER

- Four-year letter winner and two-year captain at Edina High School
- Started and played in 74 games at University of Minnesota
- Career total of 23 goals and 12 assists

SEASON

- Made professional debut with Sporting Club JAX on 8/23/25 in their inaugural regular season game against DC Power FC and played the full 90 minutes

2025/26 STATS		
GP/GS : 1/1	G :	YC :
MINUTES : 90	A :	RC :



#5 | Georgia Brown | D

8/31/2002 | 6'2" | Highworth, England | she/her

CAREER

- Played as captain for Oxford High School in England
- Spent time with the Oxford National Team
- Was ranked as the No. 54 freshman in the nation while at Hofstra University
- Started in all 22 matches as a freshman, with 1,963 minutes played

SEASON

- Made professional debut with Sporting Club JAX on 8/23/25 in their inaugural regular season game against DC Power FC and played the full 90 minutes

2025/26 STATS		
GP/GS : 1/1	G :	YC :
MINUTES : 90	A :	RC :



#17 | Baylee DeSmit | M

8/31/2002 | 6'2" | Highworth, England | she/her

CAREER

- Registered 52 goals and 28 assists during her three years at McDonogh Highschool
- Member of the 2019 U.S. Youth Soccer National Championship team
- Club experience with Pipeline SC
- Started in 70 of her 72 games with 36 goals and 21 assists registered with Loyola University Maryland
- Over 5,500 minutes on the pitch

SEASON

- MORE INFORMATION TO COME...

2025/26 STATS		
GP/GS :	G :	YC :
MINUTES :	A :	RC :



#16 | Helena Errington | M

7/31/2005 | 5'4" | Wellington, New Zealand | she/her

CAREER

- Experience at both the 2024 U-20 Women's World Cup and the 2022 U-17 Women's World Cup
- Played for Wellington Phoenix during the 2024 season

SEASON

- MORE INFORMATION TO COME...

2025/26 STATS		
GP/GS :	G :	YC :
MINUTES :	A :	RC :



PLAYER BIOS



#11 | Andrea Fernandez | F

7/30/2000 | 5'4" | Pozoblanco, Spain | she/her

CAREER

- Attended Colegio Salesianos San José
- 72 starts in 78 games in four years at Flagler College
- Produced 75 goals and 45 assists with a .55 shot on goal percentage
- Led the nation in goals per match (1.22), shots on goal per match (3.00), total goals, and total points in her senior season

SEASON

- Made professional debut with Sporting Club JAX on 8/23/25 in their inaugural regular season game against DC Power FC

2025/26 STATS		
GP/GS : 1/0	G :	YC :
MINUTES : 27	A :	RC :



#1 | Jamie Gerstenberg | GK

12/11/2002 | 5'11" | Birkenwerder, Germany | she/her

CAREER

- Played for the U17 and U19 German National Team
- Played and started in 67 games for a total of over 5,900 at Indiana University
- .81 goals against average, 185 saves and 30 shutouts
- Big Ten Goalkeeper of the Year in 2023

SEASON

- MORE INFORMATION TO COME...

2025/26 STATS		
GP/GS :	SAVES :	YC :
MINUTES :	SV% :	RC :



#10 | Meg Hughes | F

5/16/2002 | 5'6" | Rochester, Massachusetts | she/her

CAREER

- At Old Rochester Regional Highschool, Hughes tallied 192 points on 127 goals and 65 assists
- Earned three SCC Champion titles
- In her freshman year at Providence College, she led her team in points, assists, and was tied for first in goals

SEASON

- Recorded the first assist in Sporting JAX history against DC Power FC on 8/23/25

2025/26 STATS		
GP/GS : 1/1	G :	YC :
MINUTES : 90	A : 1	RC :



#6 | Jessie Hunt | M

1/10/2002 | 5'9" | Edina, Minnesota | she/her

CAREER

- Played for the Minnesota Thunder while in high school
- Earned an invite to the US Soccer Region II ODP Camp in 2016
- At Northeastern, she started in 53 of her 55 games, registering 11 goals and 27 assists

SEASON

- MORE INFORMATION TO COME...

2025/26 STATS		
GP/GS :	G :	YC :
MINUTES :	A :	RC :



PLAYER BIOS



#8 | Sophie Jones | M

7/17/2001 | 5'5" | Menlo Park, California | she/her

CAREER

- Ranked as the second-best player in the nation by TopDrawerSoccer in 2018
- Was a consistent part of the U.S. National Team system
- Helped the team capture the CONCACAF Women's U-17 Championship in 2018
- Started in all 75 career games tallying five goals and eight assists with Duke University

SEASON

- Named as first captain in Sporting JAX history on 7/22/25

2025/26 STATS		
GP/GS : 1/1	G :	YC :
MINUTES : 74	A :	RC :



#4 | Maddie Kemp | F

12/19/2000 | 5'7" | Camas, Washington | she/her

CAREER

- Played for the Camas Papermakers scoring 141 goals and 37 assists
- Named a MaxPreps Top-5 Scorer in the country
- Named to the All-SEC Third Team as a graduate student with the University of Kentucky

SEASON

- Made professional debut with Sporting Club JAX on 8/23/25 in their inaugural regular season game against DC Power FC

2025/26 STATS		
GP/GS : 1/0	G :	YC :
MINUTES : 24	A :	RC :



#27 | Paige Kenton | D

4/2/2002 | 5'10" | Wilmington, Delaware | she/her

CAREER

- As a fifth year at the University of Delaware, she started and played in all 19 games recording two goals and 37 shots
- Played at Padua Academy where she helped her team win the Delaware state championship in 2018 and 2019
- Named a regional All-American by United Soccer Coaches

SEASON

- Made professional debut with Sporting Club JAX on 8/23/25 in their inaugural regular season game against DC Power FC

2025/26 STATS		
GP/GS : 1/1	G :	YC :
MINUTES : 84	A :	RC :



#20 | Julia Lester | D

1/16/1998 | 5'4" | Tampa, Florida | she/her

CAREER

- Club time with Tampa Bay United 97 Premier led to a 2015 US Youth Soccer U-17 national championship
- Florida Olympic Development Program four-year member
- Professional career has resulted in 37 tackles won

SEASON

- Played a full 90 minutes in the inaugural season game on 8/23/25

2025/26 STATS		
GP/GS : 1/1	G :	YC :
MINUTES : 90	A :	RC :



PLAYER BIOS



#12 | Caroline Murray | F

5/5/1993 | 5'5" | Madison, Wisconsin | she/her

CAREER

- Over 90 games played in her professional career
- Played in 67 games with 41 starts, to score 17 assists and three goals during collegiate career
- Professional debut in Finland with Sudet
- Played for Thróttur - the number one women's team in Iceland, before landing with Sporting JAX

SEASON

- MORE INFORMATION TO COME...

2025/26 STATS		
GP/GS : 1/1	G :	YC :
MINUTES : 49	A :	RC :



#13 | Kaitlyn Parks | GK

8/30/2001 | 5'7" | Upper Marlboro, Maryland | she/her

CAREER

- Starting goalkeeper at Northern High School for four consecutive years and earned six varsity letters
- Led her school to the 3A State Championship as a senior
- Stats at Wake Forest and Michigan State combined to a 44-17-9 record

SEASON

- Made professional debut with Sporting Club JAX on 8/23/25 in their inaugural regular season game against DC Power FC and played the full 90 minutes

2025/26 STATS		
GP/GS : 1/1	SAVES : 2	YC :
MINUTES : 90	SV% :	RC :



#7 | Jade Pennock | F

1/8/1993 | 5'5" | Pontefract, England | she/her

CAREER

- Prep experience at Kings High School where she was named Sports Woman of the Year in her senior season
- Club experience with both Leeds United and West Yorkshire
- 32 starts in 40 games with 16 career goals and 5 assists at the University of Montevallo
- With the Central Coast Mariners, she had 27 starts in 27 games, 7 goals, and 3 assists recorded

SEASON

- Scored the first goal in Sporting JAX history on 8/23/25 in the 7th minute of the inaugural game against DC Power FC

2025/26 STATS		
GP/GS : 1/1	G : 1	YC :
MINUTES : 71	A :	RC :



#24 | Grace Phillpotts | D

10/1/2002 | 5'5" | Fenton, Michigan | she/her

CAREER

- Lettered in both soccer and track and field while she was competing for the Michigan Hawks
- Had 36 starts in 40 games with 9 assists recorded in her three seasons at DePaul University
- Totaled 40 starts in 40 games at Kentucky with 1 goal and 8 assists

SEASON

- Made professional debut with Sporting Club JAX on 8/23/25 in their inaugural regular season game against DC Power FC and played the full 90 minutes

2025/26 STATS		
GP/GS : 1/1	G :	YC :
MINUTES : 90	A :	RC :



PLAYER BIOS



#19 | Ashlyn Puerta | F

2/27/2007 | 5'8" | San Diego, California | she/her

CAREER

- Trained with NJ/NY Gotham FC
- The U-16 National MVP of the Girls Academy League in 2022
- Invited to both the U-16 and U-17 U.S. Women's Youth National Team
- Recorded five goals and three assists in the 2022 CONCACAF Girls U-15 Championship
- Played in all 21 games during the 2024 season, tallying four goals and five assists at Florida State

SEASON

- Played a full 90 minutes in the inaugural season game

2025/26 STATS		
GP/GS : 1/1	G :	YC :
MINUTES : 90	A :	RC :



#2 | Parker Roberts | M

7/30/1997 | 5'6" | Leawood, Kansas | she/her

CAREER

- Scored 55 goals, and holds the school record for all-time points at 128 at Blue Valley North Highschool
- U.S. U20 National Team player
- Club time with the KC Metro Dynamos
- Reached the US Youth Soccer National Championships in both 2014 and 2015
- Played in 70 games with 67 starts, 13 goals, and 11 assists at UF
- Orlando Pride for the past two seasons

SEASON

- MORE INFORMATION TO COME...

2025/26 STATS		
GP/GS :	G :	YC :
MINUTES :	A :	RC :



*Academy Player

#14 | Sydney Schmidt | M

1/25/2008 | 5'6" | Jacksonville, Florida | she/her

CAREER

- Tallied 25 goals with 22 assists as a freshman at St. Johns County Day
- Club team Jacksonville FC
- Played for the U15 and U16 U.S. Women's National Team

SEASON

- MORE INFORMATION TO COME...

2025/26 STATS		
GP/GS :	G :	YC :
MINUTES :	A :	RC :



#22 | Zara Siassi | D

1/31/2002 | 5'7" | Lake Worth, Florida | she/her

CAREER

- First team All-Conference honors, and lettered her last two years at Park Vista Community High School
- Club time with Boca United FC ECNL and Weston FC DA
- Member of the Olympic Development Program state team, and participation in the 2016 ODP National Camp
- Played and started in all 82 games of her collegiate career, which is a program record

SEASON

- MORE INFORMATION TO COME...

2025/26 STATS		
GP/GS :	G :	YC :
MINUTES :	A :	RC :



PLAYER BIOS



*Academy Player



#30 | Hailey Smith | GK

7/12/2008 | 5'10" | Jacksonville, Florida | she/her

CAREER

- Nominations to the 2022 and 2023 ECNL 1st Team All- Conference
- 2024 ECNL National Selection Game player
- ODP State/Region Team nomination four consecutive years

SEASON

- MORE INFORMATION TO COME...

2025/26 STATS

GP/GS :	SAVES :	YC :
MINUTES :	SV% :	RC :



#15 | Katie Sullivan | F

12/27/2002 | 5'8" | Yardley, Pennsylvania | she/her

CAREER

- Club soccer with the NJ Rush Grey where she helped them win the NJ U.S. Youth Soccer State Cup Championship
- 56 goals and 44 assists with her team being 4x district champions and one-time state champions with Villa Joseph Marie
- Started in 86 of her 88 games with 60 goals and 31 assists at Johns Hopkins University
- Has logged a point in every NCAA tournament game she's been in

SEASON

- Made professional debut with Sporting Club JAX on 8/23/25 in their inaugural regular season game against DC Power FC

2025/26 STATS

GP/GS : 1/0	G :	YC :
MINUTES : 13	A :	RC :



#23 | Daviana Vaka | D

8/11/2001 | 5'7" | Sandy, Utah | she/her

CAREER

- Captain and four-year starter at Juan Diego Catholic Highschool
- 2016 Top Goal Scorer in Utah as well as a ECNL Player to Watch from 2015-2017
- "Swamp Queen" at the University of Florida
- Started in all 17 games played, with two career assists on 15 shots

SEASON

- MORE INFORMATION TO COME...

2025/26 STATS

GP/GS : 1/0	G :	YC :
MINUTES : 49	A :	RC :

*Academy Player



#18 | Sara Weisberg | M

2/17/2009 | 5'4" | Jacksonville, Florida | she/her

CAREER

- Varsity player at Creekside Highschool
- 2016 Top Goal Scorer in Utah as well as a ECNL Player to Watch from 2015-2017
- Competed in 27 games over the course of two seasons with 13 goals and 14 assists
- Sporting JAX Academy standout
- Committed to Syracuse University

SEASON

- MORE INFORMATION TO COME...

2025/26 STATS

GP/GS :	G :	YC :
MINUTES :	A :	RC :



BY THE NUMBERS



	G	A	S	SoT	T	TP	PA%	TD	DW	AD	ADW	T	WT	YC	RC	Sv%
13 K. Parks					50	43	86.0									40.0
24 G. Phillpotts					59	41	75.6	4	2							
5 G. Brown					62	57	87.7	1		1						
20 J. Lester			1		65	43	79.1	7	4			2	2			
10 M. Hughes					37	15	53.3	6	3			1	1			
19 A. Puerta			2		47	31	67.7	8	3	1		2	2			
8 S. Jones			1	1	31	24	95.8	5	2	1	1					
3 S. Boman					59	42	66.7	8	2			1				
12 C. Murray			1		28	12	66.7	6	2			2	2			
27 P. Kenton			1		22	13	84.6	8	2	1	1					
7 J. Pennock	1		1	1	23	11	72.7	7	3	2	1	1				
11 Andrea Fernández			1		10	5	60.0	3		2						
4 M. Kemp					20	14	50.0	6	2	2	1	1				
15 K. Sullivan					9	5	60.0									
23 D. Vaka					49	44	84.1	1	1			1	1			
Sporting JAX Total:	1	0	8	2	571	400	0	70	26	10	4	11	8	0	0	40.0

KEY

G: Goals	A: Assists	S: Shots
SoT: Shots on Target	T: Touches	TP: Total Passes
PA%: Passing Accuracy	TD: Total Duels	DW: Duels Won
AD: Total Aerial Duels	ADW: Aerial Duels Won	T: Tackles
WT: Tackles Won	YC: Yellow Card	RC: Red Card
Sv%: Shots Saved Percentage		



ABOUT SPORTING JAX



TEAM INFO

NAME:..... Sporting Club Jacksonville
Sporting JAX

FOUNDING YEAR:..... 2022

WEBSITE:..... sportingjax.com

STADIUM INFO

STADIUM:..... Hodges Stadium

ADDRESS: 1 UNF Dr, Jacksonville, FL 32224

CAPACITY:..... 9,400

YEAR OPENED:..... 2004

RENOVATED:..... 2025

SURFACE:..... Grass

COLORS

Orange and yellow to represent the iconic Jacksonville sunrises

"SPORTING CLUB JACKSONVILLE"

Inclusive of the entire Northeast Florida area to give everyone a "sporting" chance



WAVE SHAPE

An ode to Jacksonville's beaches, rivers, and intercoastal waterways

SHIELD

Set as the focal point to defend the First Coast

THE BADGE

A circle to represent inclusivity of all

OUR VISION

Sporting JAX exists in part to advance soccer and an equal playing field in our community as well as provide a "sporting chance" for the underserved and marginalized.

OUR PILLARS

INCLUSIVE

We will be open to and inclusive of all across the First Coast and beyond.

PERSEVERING

Like the communities we represent, we are strong, hard-working and determined to succeed.

BOLD

Like our City, we will be confident, daring and courageous both on and off the field.

UPLIFTING

Our goal is to use our platform of soccer and sports to lift up our entire community.

OUR MISSION

To lift every voice, both on and off the field of play, by creating experiences that celebrate diversity, ally with those who need teammates and provide a place for all to gather.



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HODGES STADIUM

2025/26 FACILITY MAP



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