



**SPORTING CLUB JACKSONVILLE vs. TAMPA BAY SUN FC**  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2025**

# **MATCH PREVIEW**

**2025/26 Season**



# MATCH PREVIEW



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Saturday, December 20, 2025 – 5:00 PM ET

Hodges Stadium | University of North Florida – Jacksonville, FL

Broadcast Live on CW17 and Peacock | Commentary: Cole Pepper & Becky Burleigh | Sideline: Emerson Burriss

Sporting JAX vs. Tampa Bay Sun FC presented by Honda of the Avenues

### SPORTING JAX VS. TAMPA BAY SUN FC

In-state pride is on the line as Sporting Club Jacksonville closes out the year with a rematch against Tampa Bay Sun FC in another chapter of this growing Florida rivalry. The last time these sides met, Sporting JAX made a statement with a dominant 3-0 victory, and tonight the squad looks to bring that same energy back to home turf.

Off the pitch, it's a full Holiday Celebration at Sporting JAX, making matchday fun for the entire family. Santa himself will be stopping by alongside his trusty elves, spreading cheer throughout the stadium, while the legendary Dino Dash returns at halftime for one of the matchday's most anticipated moments. From kickoff to the final whistle – and everything in between – this festive rivalry matchup promises high-level soccer, holiday magic, and memories you won't want to miss.

### BROADCAST COVERAGE

The match will be broadcast live on CW17 and Peacock, with commentary from Cole Pepper and Becky Burleigh, and sideline reporting from Emerson Burriss. Local fans can tune in to catch all the action if they can't make it out to the stadium.

### SPORTING CLUB JAX

Sporting Club JAX is making history as the first professional women's sports team in Jacksonville, Florida, debuting in the 2025-26 season of the Gainbridge Super League. Head Coach Stacey Balaam brings a strong vision and competitive edge to the pitch, guiding a young squad with high potential and fierce determination. Now sitting at the No. 2 spot in the league, Sporting JAX looks to bounce back from their 1-1 draw against Fort Lauderdale, and pick up three points before the holiday break.

As the league's newest expansion team, Sporting Club JAX is led by President Steve Livingstone, with Mark Warburton serving 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.

### TICKETS & ATMOSPHERE

With kickoff set for 5:00 PM ET, fans are encouraged to arrive early to take part in pregame festivities including a pre-match Fan Zone that starts at 3:00 PM

### TAMPA BAY SUN FC

Tampa Bay Sun FC enters the matchup in unfamiliar territory, currently sitting at No. 9 in the Gainbridge Super League standings. After a challenging 0-3 loss to Brooklyn FC in their most recent outing, the Sun are looking to regroup and regain momentum as the season continues. Despite recent results, Tampa Bay remains a competitive side capable of pushing any opponent, especially in high-stakes, in-state matchups.

Just one season ago, Tampa Bay Sun FC lifted the championship trophy in the league's inaugural season, establishing themselves early as a standard-setter in the Gainbridge Super League. Led by head coach Denise Schilte-Brown, the Sun combine championship pedigree with a resilient mindset, aiming to draw on their winning history as they work to turn the page and climb back up the table.

### WHAT'S NEXT

Sporting JAX gets a well deserved holiday break, and returns home for their next match on Jan. 31 against Carolina Ascent FC.

### 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](https://SportingJAX.com)



# MATCH NOTES



## MATCH INFO



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MATCHUP: SPORTING JAX VS. TAMPA BAY SUN FC  
 DATE: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20  
 TIME (EST): 5:00 P.M.  
 STADIUM: HODGES STADIUM (JACKSONVILLE, FL)  
 BROADCAST: CW17 and PEACOCK  
 PXP: COLE PEPPER  
 ANALYST: BECKY BURLEIGH  
 SIDELINE REPORTER: EMERSON BURRIS

## MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE: IRYNA PETRUNOK  
 ASSISTANT REFEREE: ART ARUSTAMYAN  
 ASSISTANT REFEREE: ERIC DEL ROSARIO GANDARA  
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## LEAGUE STANDINGS

- Lexington SC | (5-0-8) 23pts
- Sporting Club JAX | (6-3-4) 22pts
- Carolina Ascent FC | (5-4-4) 19pts
- Dallas Trinity FC | (6-5-1) 19pts
- Fort Lauderdale United FC | (4-3-6) 18pts
- Brooklyn FC | (4-6-5) 17pts
- Spokane Zephyr FC | (3-6-6) 15pts
- DC Power FC | (3-5-5) 14pts
- Tampa Bay Sun FC | (1-5-7) 10pts

## 2025/26 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	RESULT
Aug. 23	DC Power FC	Hodges Stadium - UNF	L 1-3
Aug. 30	Tampa Bay Sun FC	Riverfront Stadium	W 3-2
Sep. 6	Dallas Trinity FC	Hodges Stadium - UNF	L 0-1
Sep. 13	Carolina Ascent FC	Hodges Stadium - UNF	D 2-2
Sep. 28	Carolina Ascent FC	American Legion Memorial Stadium	W 4-3
Oct. 4	Brooklyn FC	Maimonides Park	D 3-3
Oct. 12	DC Power FC	Audi Field	W 1-0
Oct. 18	Tampa Bay Sun FC	Hodges Stadium - UNF	D 1-1
Oct. 31	Lexington SC	Lexington SC Stadium	L 4-2
Nov. 8	Dallas Trinity FC	Cotton Bowl	W 2-0
Nov. 22	Fort Lauderdale United	Hodges Stadium - UNF	W 2-0
Dec. 6	Tampa Bay Sun FC	Riverfront Stadium	W 3-0
Dec. 13	Fort Lauderdale United	Hodges Stadium - UNF	D 1-1
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	-



HOME



AWAY

## PLAYER AVAILABILITY REPORT

OUT:  
Parker Roberts (knee)

UNAVAILABLE:

QUESTIONABLE:



# 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 **alumni** Georgia Brown (JAX), Vivianne Bessette (TB), Sydney Nasello (TB), and Jordyn Listro (TB) take the pitch together.
- Former teammates are popular in this match, **with reunions between** Daviana Vaka and Sabrina McNeill from Fort Lauderdale and Grace Philpotts and 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 **where Kirkup served** as assistant coach.
- Jessie Hunt and Sophia Boman trade the kindergarten classroom for the professional pitch. Hunt and Boman both grew up in Edina, Minnesota, and attended Cornelia Elementary School together.
- Michigan State University teammates Kaitlyn Parks and Meg Hughes now share the professional pitch for the first time in their careers.

## TEAM LEADERS

### SPORTING JAX

Goals: Ashlyn Puerta (10)

Assists: Meg Hughes (5)

Tackles: Sophia Boman (36)

Shots: Ashlyn Puerta (29)

Saves: Kaitlyn Parks (23)

## COACHING STAFF

### Head Coach

Stacey Balaam (JAX)  
Denise Schilte-Brown (TB)

### Assistant Coach

Alan Kirkup (JAX)  
Erich Leite (TB)

### Goalkeeper Coach

Mat Cosgriff (JAX)  
Tristin Stuteville (TB)

### Performance Coach

Steve Fell (JAX)  
Sami Diamond (TB)

## TEAM LEADERS

### TAMPA BAY SUN FC

Goals: Carlee Giammona (3)

Assists: Sabrina McNeill (3)

Tackles: Sabrina McNeill (30)

Shots: Carlee Giammona (13)

Saves: Sydney Schneider (26)



# 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 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	Brooklyn FC
27	Paige Kenton	D	5'10"	4/2/2002	Wilmington, Delaware	University of Delaware	-

#	ACADEMY PLAYER	POS	HT	DOB	HOMETOWN	CLUB	COLLEGE COMMITMENT
18	Sara Weisburg	M	5'4"	2/17/2009	Jacksonville, FL	Sporting JAX Soccer Academy	Syracuse University
30	Hailey Smith	GK	5'10"	7/12/2008	Jacksonville, FL	Sporting JAX Soccer Academy	Baylor University

## 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	8
Rookie	13
Academy	2

## BY STATE

STATE	#
California	2
Delaware	1
Florida	4
Kansas	1
Maryland	2
Massachusetts	1
Michigan	1
Minnesota	2
Pennsylvania	1
Utah	1
Washington	1
Wisconsin	1
INTERNATIONAL	5

## EXECUTIVE FRONT OFFICE

### Majority Owner

Ricky Caplin

### President

Steve Livingstone

### Chief Operating Officer

J.J. Keitzer

### Chief Community Officer

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
- Recorder first career assist on 9/28/25 against Carolina Ascent FC
- Recorded first career goal against Brooklyn FC on 10/4/25

2025/26 STATS		
GP/GS : 13/13	G : 2	YC : 1
MINUTES : 1163	A : 2	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
- Was called up to the Scotland Women's National Team, and made her first start on 12/2/25

### 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
- Received a call-up to the Senior Scotland Women's National Team on October 8, 2025
- 2x Gainbridge Super League Team of the Month recipient

2025/26 STATS		
GP/GS : 13/13	G :	YC :
MINUTES : 1163	A :	RC :



## #17 | Baylee DeSmit | M

9/28/2002 | 5'7" | Towson, Maryland | 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

- Recorded first career goal against Brooklyn FC on 10/4/25 in the 94<sup>th</sup> minute to bring the game to a draw
- Recorded first career assist on 11/8/25 against Dallas Trinity FC

2025/26 STATS		
GP/GS : 9/5	G : 2	YC :
MINUTES : 407	A : 1	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
- Scored her first professional career goal during a friendly against KC Current II on 9/19/25

2025/26 STATS		
GP/GS : 8/0	G : 1	YC :
MINUTES : 133	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

- Made professional debut with Sporting Club JAX on 8/30/25 against Tampa Bay Sun FC

2025/26 STATS		
GP/GS : 4/4	SAVES : 12	YC :
MINUTES : 360	SV% : 60	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
- Recorded her first goal for Sporting JAX against Tampa Bay Sun FC on 8/30/25
- Starting on 12/6/25, leads the league lead in assists with 5

2025/26 STATS		
GP/GS : 13/12	G : 1	YC : 3
MINUTES : 1065	A : 5	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

- Recorded an assist in her professional debut against Tampa Bay Sun FC on 8/30/25

2025/26 STATS		
GP/GS : 7/0	G :	YC :
MINUTES : 172	A : 1	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
- Recorded first assist for Sporting JAX on 10/31/25 against Lexington SC

2025/26 STATS		
GP/GS : 13/13	G : 5	YC : 0
MINUTES : 1147	A : 1	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
- Scored first professional career goal for Sporting JAX on 9/13/25 against Carolina Ascent FC

2025/26 STATS		
GP/GS : 9/5	G : 1	YC :
MINUTES : 419	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
- Recorded first career assist and goal - which proved to be the game winner - against Carolina Ascent FC on 9/28/15
- 1x Gainbridge Super League Player of the Month recipient
- 2x Gainbridge Super League Team of the Month recipient

2025/26 STATS		
GP/GS : 13/13	G : 6	YC :
MINUTES : 1161	A : 3	RC :



\*On loan from Seattle Reign

## #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
- Recorded her first assist with Sporting JAX on 8/30/25 against Tampa Bay Sun FC
- 1x Gainbridge Super League Team of the Month Recipient

2025/26 STATS		
GP/GS : 13/13	G :	YC : 3
MINUTES : 1170	A : 2	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 : 9/8	G :	YC : 2
MINUTES : 487	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
- Recorded the teams first clean sheet in Sporting JAX history on 10/14/25 against DC Power FC
- 1x Gainbridge Super League Save of the Month recipient
- 1x Gainbridge Super League Team of the Month recipient

2025/26 STATS		
GP/GS : 9/9	SAVES : 23	YC : 1
MINUTES : 810	SV% : 65.7	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 7<sup>th</sup> minute of the inaugural game against DC Power FC

2025/26 STATS		
GP/GS : 13/9	G : 2	YC : 3
MINUTES : 764	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 : 12/12	G :	YC :
MINUTES : 1055	A :	RC :



# PLAYER BIOS



## #19 | Ashlyn Puerta | F

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

2025/26 STATS		
GP/GS : 12/11	G : 10	YC :
MINUTES : 983	A : 2	RC :

### 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

- Scored the first brace in Sporting JAX history on 8/30/25 against Tampa Bay Sun FC
- Completed a hat trick - the first in Sporting JAX history - against Carolina Ascent in the first half in a 4-3 win on 9/28/25
- Starting 9/28/25, Puerta leads the league in goals scored
- 1x Gainbridge Super League Team of the Month recipient
- 1x Gainbridge Super League Player of the Month recipient



## #2 | Parker Roberts | M

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

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

### 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...



## #22 | Zara Siassi | D

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

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

### 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...



## #30 | Hailey Smith | GK

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

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

### 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
- Committed to Baylor University

### SEASON

- MORE INFORMATION TO COME...



# PLAYER BIOS



## #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
- Scored first professional career goal on 12/13/25 against Fort Lauderdale United FC

2025/26 STATS		
GP/GS : 8/0	G : 1	YC : 1
MINUTES : 137	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
- Captained the Tonga Women's National Team during the World Cup Qualifying matches in Nov. 2025

### SEASON

- MORE INFORMATION TO COME...

2025/26 STATS		
GP/GS : 8/2	G :	YC : 1
MINUTES : 200	A :	RC :



## #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



## GAINBRIDGE SUPER LEAGUE 2025/2026 SEASON

	GP	GS	G	A	S	SoT	P	PA%	D	DW	AD	ADW	T	TW	YC	RC	Sv%
S. Boman	13	13	2	2	8	4	643	78.5	118	67	32	16	35	17	1		
G. Brown	13	13			4	1	621	86.6	69	33	33	16	11	7			
B. DeSmit	9	5	2	1	10	6	81	70.4	46	19	16	10	3	1			
H. Errington																	
A. Fernandez	8				2		38	71.4	25	8	5	1	3	1			
J. Gerstenberg	4	4					172	58.7	1	1	1	1					60
M. Hughes	13	12	1	5	8	5	364	72.5	100	48	4		28	16	3		
J. Hunt	7			1	1	1	87	67.1	33	13	10	7	2	1			
S. Jones	13	13		1	5	1	573	88.1	105	61	24	13	22	15			
M. Kemp	9	5	1		9	6	192	68.2	56	21	13	6	5	1			
P. Kenton	13	13	6	3	23	11	354	72.3	143	59	59	25	5	4			
J. Lester	13	13		2	3		641	77.8	100	63	21	13	33	22	3		
C. Murray	9	8					181	71.8	46	13	3		10	8	2		
K. Parks	9	9					380	70.3	5	5	2	2			1		65.7
J. Pennock	13	9	2		16	9	199	74.4	108	45	38	16	10	4	3		
G. Phillpotts	12	12			1	1	552	74.8	87	52	4	1	21	11			
A. Puerta	12	11	10	2	28	15	309	77	109	53	8		23	19			
P. Roberts																	
Z. Siassi																	
H. Smith																	
K. Sullivan	8		1		1		41	68.2	8	3	2		1	1	1		
D. Vaka	8	2					113	81.4	23	14	6	3	9	6	1		
S. Weisberg																	

### KEY

A: Assists	GP: Games Played	SoT: Shots on Target
AD: Aerial Duels	GS: Games Started	Sv%: Save Percentage
ADW: Aerial Duels Won	P: Passes	T: Tackles
D: Duels	PA%: Passing Accuracy	TW: Tackles Won
DW: Duels Won	RC: Red Card	YC: Yellow Card
G: Goals	S: Shots	



# 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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