

HERRIMAN, UT (January 29, 2024) – Utah Royals FC today announced the club’s initial preseason roster. The 24-player roster is comprised of three goalkeepers, seven defenders, six midfielders, and eight forwards.

The second iteration of the Club started the roster construction by bringing back former Orlando Pride midfielder, Mikayla Cluff. As an expansion team, the majority of the players were acquired through trades, free agency, and the NWSL Draft. In addition to the talent acquired domestically, Swedish youth international Agnes Nyberg and Dutch youth international Dana Foederer join Head Coach Amy Rodriguez’s side.

The club will kick off preseason training in Cancun, Mexico before returning home ahead of the 2024 season.

2024 UTAH ROYALS PRESEASON ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

(as of 29 JANUARY 2024)

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Age	Hometown	College	Last NWSL Club
33	Hannah Betfort	FW	5-10		4 Jan 1999	25	Charleston, SC	Wake Forest	Portland Thorns
12	Zoe Burns	D/M	5-2		5 Jan 2002	22	Issaquah, WA	Southern Cal	--
21	Mikayla Cluff	MF	5-8		25 Feb 1999	24	Kaysville, UT	Brigham Young	Orlando Pride
8	Kate Del Fava	DF	5-9		23 July 1998	25	Kenosha, WI	Illinois State	KC Current
28	Imani Dorsey	FW	5-7		21 Mar 1996	27	Elkridge, MD	Duke	Gotham FC
22	Dana Foederer	MF	5-6		27 July 2002	21	Veldhoven, Netherlands	--	--
5	Lauren Flynn	DF	5-6		22 May 2002	21	Arlington, VA	Florida State	--
24	Emily Gray	MF	5-4		5 Oct 2000	23	Sewell, NJ	Virginia Tech	NC Courage
3	Olivia Griffiths	DF	5-6		2 Aug 2001	22	Eagle, ID	Brigham Young	--
1	Mandy Haught	GK	5-9		3 Nov 1998	25	Jacksonville, FL	Virginia Tech	Gotham FC
17	Emma Jaskaniec	FW	5-8		17 May 2001	22	Memomonee Falls, WI	Wisconsin	--
13	Addisyn Merrick	DF	5-5		4 March 1998	25	Lee’s Summit, MO	Kansas	KC Current
4	Paige Monaghan	FW	5-7		13 Nov 1996	27	Succasanna, NJ	Butler	Racing Louisville
15	Brecken Mozingo	FW	5-9		8 March 2001	22	Sandy, UT	Brigham Young	--
27	Carly Nelson	GK	5-6		11 Feb 1998	25	Lindon, UT	Utah	Orlando Pride
6	Agnes Nyberg	MF	5-4		19 April 2000	23	Uppsala, Sweden	--	--
11	Ify Onumonu	FW	5-10		25 Feb 1994	29	Rancho Cucamonga, CA	Cal-Berkeley	Gotham FC
16	Madison Pogarch	DF	5-6		5 Nov 1997	26	Hartland, MI	Central Michigan	San Diego Wave
18	Kaleigh Riehl	DF	5-8		21 Oct 1996	27	Fairfax Station, VA	Penn State	San Diego Wave
32	Cristina Roque	GK	5-7		6 Nov 2001	22	Winter Garden, FL	Florida State	--
9	Ally Sentnor	M/F	5-3		18 Feb 2004	19	Hanson, MA	North Carolina	--
19	Frankie Tagliaferri	MF	5-6		18 Jan 1999	25	Red Bank, NJ	Rutgers/Penn St	NC Courage
20	Cameron Tucker	FW	5-9		15 July 1999	24	Highland, UT	Brigham Young	Houston Dash
7	Michele Vasconcelos	FW	5-5		11 May 1994	29	Sandy, UT	Brigham Young	Portland Thorns

UTAH ROYALS FC (NWSL)

Head Coach: Amy Rodriguez (Lake Forest, CA)
 Assistant Coach:
 Assistant Coach:
 Goalkeeper Coach:
 Athlete Health/Performance: Jessica Mendez (Miami, FL)
 Sports Scientist: Maxine Furtado (Maldonado, Uruguay)
 Video Analyst:
 Equipment: Maddie Holmberg (Goshen, NY)
 Athletic Training: Meghan Chambers (Worthington, OH),
 Carline Myers (Yorktown, VA)
 Massage Therapist:

FRONT OFFICE

President: Michelle Hull Hyncik (Laguna Niguel, CA)
 Sporting Director: Kelly Cousins (Reading, England)
 Asst. Sporting Director: Connor Oniki (West Jordan, UT)
 Talent Identification: Mirelle Van Rijbroek (Amsterdam, NED)
 Data Analysis: Caterina De Becco (Munich, Germany)
 Team Administration: Vanessa Ramos (Cali, Colombia)
 Player Care: Emma Grace Barton (Nashville, TN)
 Press Officers: Zuhayr Maung (SLC, UT),
 Trey Fitz-Gerald (Albuquerque, NM)
 Team Videographer: Lindsay Wyson (Laguna Niguel, CA)
 Team Photographer: Laura Dearden (Walnut Creek, CA)

2024 UTAH ROYALS FC PRESEASON PRONUNCIATION GUIDE (as of 29 JANUARY 2024)

*(2024 additions in BLUE; *guest/unsigned players in RED; italicized players currently on LOAN)*

No.	Player	Pos.	Pronunciation	Place of Birth	How Acquired	Status
1	Mandy Haught	GK	HOTT	Jacksonville, FL	Trade w/ GFC	
3	Olivia Griffiths	DF	GRIF-itts	Eagle, ID	#20 pick 2024 Draft	
4	Paige Monaghan	FW	MAHN-uh-hann	Succasanna, NJ	Expansion Draft	
5	Lauren Flynn	DF		Arlington, VA	#16 pick 2024 Draft	
6	Agnes Nyberg	MF	NYE-burg	Uppsala, Sweden	FA signing	Int’l SWE

7	Michele Vasconcelos	FW	vass-con-SAY-los	Sandy, UT	FA signing	
8	Kate Del Fava	DF	FAH - vuh	Kenosha, WI	Trade w/ KCC	
9	Ally Sentnor	M/F	SENT - norr	Hanson, MA	#1 pick 2024 Draft	USA
11	Ifeana Onumonu	FW	EE-fee	Rancho Cucamonga, CA	FA signing	NIG
12	Zoe Burns	D/M	ZOH - ee	Issaquah, WA	#29 pick 2024 Draft	Int'l CAN
13	Addisyn Merrick	DF	ADD-uh-sinn	Lee's Summit, MO	FA signing	
15	Brecken Mozingo	FW	moh-ZEEN-goh	Sandy, UT	#4 pick 2024 Draft	
16	Madison Pogarch	DF	POE - gark	Hartland, MI	FA signing	
17	Emma Jaskaniec	FW	jass-KAN-ee-uk	Memomonee Falls, WI	#26 pick 2024 Draft	
18	Kaleigh Riehl	DF	KAY-lee REAL	Fairfax Station, VA	Trade w/ SD	
19	Frankie Tagliaferri	MF	tahl-yuh-FERR-ee	Red Bank, NJ	Trade w/ NC	
20	Cameron Tucker	FW		Highland, UT	Trade w/ HOU	
21	Mikayla Cluff	MF	KAY - luh	Kaysville, UT	Trade w/ ORL	
22	Dana Foederer	MF		Veldhoven, Netherlands	FA signing	Int'l NED
24	Emily Gray	MF		Sewell, NJ	Trade w/ NCC	
27	Carly Nelson	GK		Lindon, UT	Trade w/ ORL	
28	Imani Dorsey	FW	eye-MAHN-ee	Elkridge, MD	FA signing	
32	Cristina Roque	GK	ROH - kay	Winter Garden, FL	#33 pick 2024 Draft	PR
33	Hannah Betfort	FW	BET - fort	Charleston, SC	Trade w/ POR	

ABOUT REAL SALT LAKE / UTAH ROYALS FC

During the first week of January 2022, the RSL compendium of properties was acquired by global sports entrepreneur **David Blitzer** – who boasts interests in the Philadelphia 76ers (NBA), the New Jersey Devils (NHL), the Cleveland Guardians (baseball) and the Washington Commanders (NFL) – as well as several European soccer entities, including Crystal Palace (England), FC Augsburg (Germany), Estoril (Portugal), ADO Den Haag (Netherlands), Alcorcón (Spain), SK Beveren (Belgium) and Brøndby IF (Denmark). The Blitzer group partners with Utah-based Smith Entertainment Group (SEG), which owns the Utah Jazz (NBA), led by **Ryan Smith** and including Dwyane Wade, among others.

Real Salt Lake completed its 19th Major League Soccer season this past November, its second full season under Head Coach **Pablo Mastroeni**, who led the Utah side on an interim basis for the final 100 days in 2021. RSL is the lone Western Conference side to have advanced to the Audi MLS Cup Playoffs in each of 2021, 2022 and 2023, amassing 13 postseason appearances in the last 16 years, as well as five occasions in the last six seasons.

RSL's MLS Cup 2009 victory marked the state of Utah's only major professional championship in nearly 40 years, the title preceding an historic run to the 2010/11 CONCACAF Champions League Final. Buoyed by a passionate base boasting several thousand season ticket holders and opening its permanent home in Sandy just over 15 years ago, since October, 2008, RSL's 164-58-75 (W-L-T) mark at America First Field – home of the "RioT" Supporters Group umbrella – equates to a 1.91 points per game average and a 0.679 win pct, one of the truly amazing value proposition in North American sporting landscape today.

For the 2024 season and beyond, Real Salt Lake's Blitzer / Smith ownership groups have partnered to bring the National Women's Soccer League back to Utah, as Utah Royals FC return in the Spring. Led by Head Coach **Amy Rodriguez**, President **Michelle Hyncik** and Sporting Director **Kelly Cousins**, URFC aims to seize upon the success the NWSL enjoyed during its first iteration on the Wasatch Front from 2018-20 and grow the game to even greater heights going forward. Led by visionary sports business entrepreneur Jess Gelman – the founder of the Sloan Sports Analytics Institute, along with innovative NBA executive Daryl Morey – Utah Royals FC blazes new trails in 2024.

In 2015, the club expanded its development pyramid with the addition of Real Monarchs SLC, one of several MLS-operated clubs playing in the USL Championship, the United States' Division II setup. The Monarchs boast a pair of titles in its brief history, as the 2017 USL Championship Regular-Season champions, later winning the USL Championship title in 2019. For the 2022 season and beyond, Real Monarchs compete in the newly-launched "MLS NEXT Pro" as part of a joint United States and Canada endeavor to complete the professional player pathway by connecting youth academies in MLS NEXT to first teams in Major League Soccer. The 2024 campaign will see the Monarchs represent the Club in the historic Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup, a tourney open to teams from all levels of the U.S. Soccer pyramid, the first trophy hoisted back in 1914.

The entire competitive RSL setup, which includes nearly 70 players representing the RSL Academy's U-15 and U-17 teams, calls the expansive Zions Bank Training Center in Herriman, Utah their daily training home. With five world-class grass fields, two indoor turf fields, a residential dormitory, the STEM-based RSL Academy High School and the 5,000-seat Zions Bank Stadium located on a 42-acre campus, Utah's sporting future is bright.

The RSL Community Foundation was established in 2016, created with the goals of being active in the community year-round, utilizing the popularity and reach of RSL, the Royals, the Monarchs and the Academy in promoting health and wellness in children throughout the region, engaging supporters of soccer to raise funds and volunteer time for various local initiatives.

2024 RSL and Utah Royals FC Full-Season Ticket Packages NOW ON SALE

at www.RSL.com or by calling 844.Real.Tix.

###