

# MINNESOTA AURORA

## SCHEDULE / 9-0-0

May 21	vs Rochester FC	W, 6-0
May 23	@ Rally Madison	W, 2-0
May 28	@ Rockford Raptors FC	W, 1-0
May 30	@ River Light FC	W, 2-0
<b>June 4</b>	<b>vs Rally Madison</b>	<b>W, 7-0</b>
<b>June 6</b>	<b>vs RKC Third Coast</b>	<b>W, 1-0</b>
June 9	@ Sioux Falls City FC	W, 3-0
<b>June 12</b>	<b>vs Edgewater Castle</b>	<b>W, 5-0</b>
<b>June 17</b>	<b>vs Sioux Falls City FC</b>	<b>W, 2-0</b>
<b>June 20</b>	<b>River Light FC</b>	<b>4:00p</b>
June 23	@ Rochester FC	6:00p
June 28	@ RKC Third Coast	5:00p

Home Matches in **BOLD**

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## MATCH FACTS



VS



**Minnesota Aurora FC vs River Light FC**  
June 20, 2026 | 4:00p CT  
TCO Stadium | Eagan, Minn.

### Borealis Bulletin: Minnesota Aurora vs River Light FC

One win away from clinching a USL W League playoff berth, Aurora FC welcomes rivals River Light FC to TCO Stadium for its final home fixture of 2026. Saturday's clash marks a rematch from May, a 2-0 Aurora win.

River Light come into the weekend second in the Heartland Division table, leapfrogging Sioux Falls City courtesy of a 4-1 win over RKC Third Coast. The visitors have scored 13 total goals over their last four matches, going 3-1-0 in that stretch of play.

Minnesota Gopher Caroline Birdsell leads RLFC with 3 goals this season.

#### By the Numbers:

**1** - Only one team in the USL W League has yet to allow a goal so far this season: Minnesota Aurora FC.

**29** - With 27 goals scored this season, Aurora's offense leads the Central Conference ins both overall goals and goals per match (3.2).

## 2026 POINT LEADERS

Name	Points	Goals	Assists
AI KITAGAWA	22	9	4
SKYE LEACH	8	3	2
JEANETTE FIELDSSEND	7	2	3
MAIA TABION	7	3	1
GRACIE DUNAWAY	6	2	2
FLAVIE DUBÉ	6	2	2
KALO IONGI	5	1	3

# MINNESOTA AURORA FC ROSTER / 2026

No.	Position	Name	Pronunciation	Hometown	GP	GS	MIN.	G	A	PTS
2	F	GRACIE DUNAWAY		Mars, PA	7	5	362	2	2	6
3	CB	KALO IONGI	KAH-low ee-OWN-gee (hard G)	Orem, UT	9	3	306	1	3	5
4	CB	OLIVIA ALBERT		East Lansing, MI	9	8	727	0	0	0
5	M	SKYE LEACH		Flower Mound, TX	6	5	422	3	2	8
7	F	ANGELA GUTIERREZ	an-juh-luh GOO-tee-air-ez	Oakdale, MN	6	2	225	1	0	2
8	F	MAIA TABION	MY-uh tab-EE-on	Sammamish, WA	8	5	329	3	1	7
9	CB	TALIA COURY	TAH-lee-uh CORE-ee	Phoenix, AZ	6	2	239	2	1	5
10	CB	KAITLYN SLOCUM	SLOW-come	Meridian, ID	8	2	223	0	0	0
11	CB	HAYLEE MERSEREAU	MER-sir-oh	Boca Raton, FL	9	8	569	0	1	1
12	F	FLAVIE DUBÉ	FLAH-vee doo-BEE	Ottawa, Ontario, Canada	7	5	427	2	2	6
13	B	KYRA KARFONTA	KEER-uh	South Lyon, MI	6	6	432	0	2	2
15	M	HANNAH BOUGHTON	b-OW-ton	Colleyville, TX	9	7	670	1	0	2
17	M	OLIVIA RUSH		Troy, MI	8	4	373	0	0	0
18	M	THALIA MORISI	thuh-LEE-uh more-EE-see	Long Island, NY	6	5	342	2	0	4
20	M	JEANETTE FIELDSSEND		Indian Trail, NC	9	3	279	2	3	7
21	B	JELENA ZBILJIC	YELL-en-uh z'BEE-litch	Excelsior, MN	2	0	75	0	0	0
25	F	HADLI BARRERA	HAD-lee buh-RARE-uh	Hyrum, UT	8	2	248	1	0	2
31	M	AI KITAGAWA	EYE kit-uh-GAH-wah	Itami City, Hyogo, Japan	9	8	637	9	4	20
41	B	CAPRIEL WINDER	cuh-PREEL WIN-derr	Logan, UT	8	6	476	0	1	1
52	M	AMELIA BROWN		Cary, NC	9	4	513	0	0	0
					<b>GP</b>	<b>GS</b>	<b>MIN.</b>	<b>GAA</b>	<b>SV</b>	<b>CS</b>
00	GK	ISAAC RANSON	he/him	Oxnard, CA	3	2	208	0.00	4	2
1	GK	TAYLOR FOX		Titusville, FL	7	6	557	0.00	10	5
26	GK	NAOMI JACKSON	nay-OHH-me	Freeport, Ill.	1	1	45	0.00	1	0

## LAST MATCH / vs. SIOUX FALLS CITY, 2-0 (W)

EAGAN, Minn. - Minnesota Aurora FC scored a pair of early first-half goals on its way to a 2-0 win over Sioux Falls City FC on Wednesday night at TCO Stadium. Ai Kitagawa scored her team-leading ninth goal of the season and Maia Tabion tallied her third goal of the campaign. Minnesota (9-0-0, 27pts) remains unbeaten, extending its lead atop the Heartland Division to 11 points over Sioux Falls (5-2-1, 16pts) with three matches remaining in the regular season.

Aurora took an early lead in the sixth minute through Kitagawa. Off a throw-in by Thalia Morisi, Kitagawa received the ball, turned and dribbled toward the top of the box before releasing a long-range strike that the Sioux Falls goalkeeper was not able to handle.

Minnesota doubled its lead less than two minutes later this time it was Tabion getting on the scoresheet. Flavie Dubé settled a long ball played over the top to her in space before slotting a ball across the face off the goal for Tabion, who converted into an open net from the top of the six-yard box in the eighth minute.

Carrying a balanced attack this season, Aurora has had 12 different goal scorers, including eight different players with multiple goals. Minnesota has scored 29 goals this season, and has scored multiple goals in seven of its nine matches this season.

Aurora also extended their shutout streak to nine games as they remain the only team in the W League that has not conceded a goal this season. Goalkeeper Taylor Fox recorded her fifth shutout of the season.

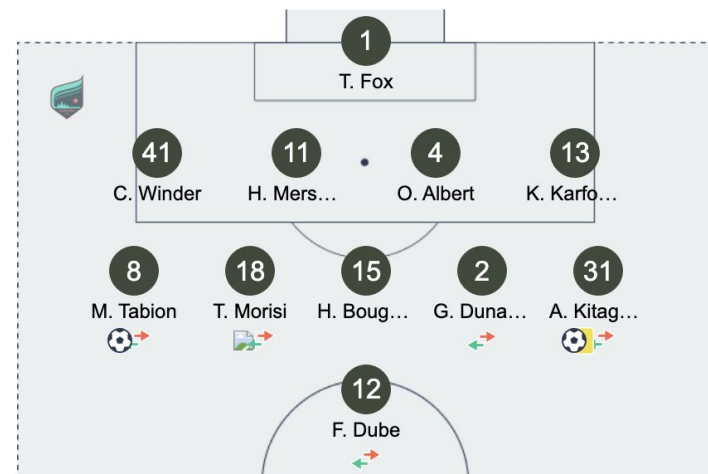
## LAST MATCH / BOX SCORE

Team	SH	SOT	CRN	F	YC	RC	SV
AURORA	14	6	4	13	2	-	3
SFC	7	3	4	12	3	-	2

## SCORING SUMMARY

Goal Scorer	Time	Score	Assist
Ai Kitagawa (9)	6'	1-0	-
Maia Tabion (3)	8'	2-0	Flavie Dubé

## LAST MATCH / STARTING XI



## 2026 HEARTLAND DIVISION TABLE

### PTS

1 - Minnesota Aurora FC	27
2 - River Light FC	18
3 - Sioux Falls City FC	16
4 - Edgewater Castle FC	13
5 - Rally Madison FC	10
6 - Rockford Raptors	10
7 - Rochester FC	6
8 - RKC Third Coast	5

## SITUATIONAL RECORDS / 2026

### Home:

5-0-0

Last win: 6/17/26

### Away:

4-0-0

Last win: 6/9/26

### Neutral:

0-0-0

Last win: 7/6/25

### When scoring first:

9-0-0

Last win: 6/17/26

### When conceding first:

0-0-0

Last win: 5/25/25

### Leading at halftime:

7-0-0

Last win: 6/17/26

### Trailing at halftime:

0-0-0

Last instance: 6/22/25

### Scoreless at halftime:

2-0-0

Last win: 6/9/26

### Scoring 1 goal:

2-0-0

Last win: 6/6/26

### Scoring 2+ goals:

7-0-0

Last win: 6/17/26

### Scoring 3+ goals:

4-0-0

Last win: 6/12/26

## GOALS TYPOLOGY / 2026

TYPE	TOTAL
FREE KICK	2
CORNER	2
COUNTER	2
PENALTY	1
THROW-IN	1
INSIDE BOX	27
OUTSIDE BOX	2

## WHEN SCORED / 2026

TIME	TOTAL
1'-15'	4
16'-30'	8
31'-45'	3
46'-75'	11
76'-90'	3
STOPPAGE	-
1ST HALF	15
2ND HALF	14

## STARTING LINEUPS / 2026

### 5/21 vs. Rochester FC:

GK: Fox; DEF: Winder, Brown, Albert, Karfonta; MID: Boughton, Morisi, Rush, Dubé, Leach; FWD: Kitagawa

### 5/23 at Rally Madison:

GK: Fox; DEF: Winder, Mersereau, Albert, Karfonta; MID: Boughton, Morisi, Kitagawa, Dubé, Leach; FWD: Tabion

### 5/28 at Rockford:

GK: Jackson; DEF: longi, Mersereau, Albert, Slocum; MID: Fieldsend, Brown, Rush, Gutierrez, Cury; FWD: Barrera

### 5/30 at River Light:

GK: Fox; DEF: Dunaway, Mersereau, Albert, Winder; MID: Morisi, Boughton, Cury, Leach, Tabion; FWD: Kitagawa

### 6/4 vs. Rally Madison:

GK: Fox; DEF: Karfonta, Mersereau, Albert, Winder; MID: Dunaway, Rush, Morisi, Boughton, Kitagawa; FWD: Dubé

### 6/6 vs. RKC Third Coast:

GK: Ranson; DEF: Slocum, Mersereau, Karfonta, longi; MID: Kitagawa, Gutierrez, Barrera, Brown, Fieldsend; FWD: Tabion

### 6/9 at Sioux Falls City:

GK: Fox; DEF: Karfonta, Mersereau, Albert, Winder; MID: Dunaway, Leach, Dubé, Boughton, Kitagawa; FWD: Tabion

### 6/12 vs. Edgewater Castle:

GK: Ranson; DEF: Boughton, Albert, Mersereau, longi; MID: Dunaway, Rush, Brown, Fieldsend, Kitagawa; FWD: Leach

### 6/17 vs. Sioux Falls City:

GK: Fox; DEF: Winder, Albert, Mersereau, Karfonta; MID: Dunaway, Boughton, Morisi, Tabion, Kitagawa; FWD: Dubé

### 6/20 vs. River Light:

### 6/23 at Rochester FC:

### 6/28 at RKC Third Coast:



### First Team Head Coach Jen Larrick

Minnesota Aurora announced in January 2025 that Jen Larrick will return to the organization as Aurora’s USL W head coach.

Larrick played Division I college soccer at the University of Florida and the University of Minnesota before playing with Cardiff Metropolitan University (United Kingdom) and Waterside Karori AFC (New Zealand).

Larrick self-designed a sport coaching Bachelor’s Degree, earned a Master’s of Education in Youth Development from the University of Minnesota, and is working on a Doctorate in Sport Coaching with Cardiff Metropolitan University. Larrick holds a UEFA B License, USSF C License, and a USC Advanced National Diploma.

## COACHING HISTORY



### NICOLE LUKIC / 2 SEASONS

YEAR	W/L	DIV.	PLAYOFFS
2022	13-1-1	1st	USL W Finals
2023	13-1-0	1st	Central Conf. Finals



### COLETTE MONTGOMERY / 1 SEASON

YEAR	W/L	DIV.	PLAYOFFS
2024	10-1-2	1st	USL W 1st Round



### JEN LARRICK / 2 SEASONS

YEAR	W/L	DIV.	PLAYOFFS
2025	12-1-2	1st	USL W Nat. Semifinals <i>Won Central Conf.</i>
2026	9-0-0	-	-

## 2026 COACHING STAFF

JEN LARRICK  
First Team Head Coach

ERIC ROSSITCH  
Assistant Coach

MANÚ COSTA  
Goalkeeper Coach

## #00 | ISAAC RANSON | GK | HT: 5'10



A two-time Big West Goalkeeper of the Year and one of the most decorated goalkeepers in Cal State Fullerton women's soccer history, Isaac Ranson joins Minnesota Aurora FC for his first season with the club in 2026. Ranson, a native of Ventura, California, arrives in Eagan after a five-year career with Cal State Fullerton, where he became the Titans' all-time leader in career saves, individual shutouts, and minutes played. Across his collegiate career, Ranson totaled 347 saves, 31 individual shutouts, and 6,934 minutes in goal.

### 2026 Stats:

APP: 2 | STARTS: 1 | MIN: 118 | SAVES: 3 | CLEAN SHEETS: 1 | GOALS ALLOWED: 0

## #1 | TAYLOR FOX | GK | HT: 5'8



A five-year net minder out of the Southeastern Conference, Taylor Fox arrives in Eagan for her first season with Aurora FC in 2026. Fox, a native of Florida, joins following five seasons at the University of South Carolina, where she amassed 740 minutes in net for the Gamecocks and finished with a career 81% save percentage. Prior to arriving in Columbia, Fox rose through the academy of the NWSL's Orlando Pride. In 2016, Fox earned a call-up to the US U16 Women's National Team. In 2018, Fox trained with the Pride First Team, joining the club's main roster for a preseason friendly against Florida State University.

### 2026 Stats:

APP: 6 | STARTS: 5 | MIN: 467 | SAVES: 7 | CLEAN SHEETS: 4 | GOALS ALLOWED: 0

**USL W Career Stats (Aurora FC, '26; Kings Hammer - Sun City, '25; Lexington, '24; Greenville, '23):**

APP: 17 | STARTS: 15 | MIN: 1208 | SAVES: 28 | CLEAN SHEETS: 7 | GOALS ALLOWED: 19

## #2 | GRACIE DUNAWAY | MF | HT: 5'4



A former four year starter in the Big Ten Conference, Gracie Dunaway arrives in Eagan for her first season with Aurora FC in 2026. Dunaway, a forward, spent 2021 through 2024 with Purdue University, becoming a day-one contributor for the Boilermakers upon arriving on campus. In four seasons, Dunaway started 65 of her 72 appearances, playing over 4,600 minutes and recording 40 points. Dunaway's 18 career goals still rank 10th-most in Purdue history. The Pennsylvania native is the older sister of Reese Dunaway, who spent the 2025 USL W League season with the Long Island Rough Riders.

### 2026 Stats:

APP: 5 | STARTS: 3 | MIN: 229 | GOALS: 1 | ASSISTS: 2 | POINTS: 4

### #3 | KALO IONGI | DEF | HT: 5'7



A defensive stalwart out of NCAA Division I, Kalo Iongi joins Aurora FC for her first season with the club in 2026. Iongi arrives in Eagan on the heels of four highly productive seasons with Portland State University out of the Big Sky Conference, playing 5,180 career minutes across 69 matches. The Utah native started at least 16 matches in two of her four college campaigns. As a senior in 2025, Iongi was once more a consistent face in the starting lineup, starting all 17 of her appearances, while playing 1,475 minutes. She again closed the season on a strong note, playing every minute of nine straight starts to end the season, this time landing on the All-Big Sky First Team.

#### 2026 Stats:

APP: 7 | STARTS: 2 | MIN: 252 | GOALS: 1 | ASSISTS: 3 | POINTS: 5

### #4 | OLIVIA ALBERT | DEF | HT: 5'6



A native of East Lansing, Michigan, Olivia Alberta joins Aurora FC for her first season with the club in 2026. Alberta, a defender, arrives in Eagan following four seasons at the University of Indiana, where she logged over 3,000 minutes across 54 career appearances. Prior to arriving in Bloomington, Alberta was a standout for Midwest United at the club level, serving as the team's captain while also earning an invite to play in France during the 2018 Generation adidas Tournament.

#### 2026 Stats:

APP: 7 | STARTS: 6 | MIN: 563 | GOALS: 0 | ASSISTS: 0 | POINTS: 0

#### USL W Career Stats (Aurora FC, '26; Midwest United, '22-'25):

APP: 43 | STARTS: 41 | MIN: 3848 | GOALS: 1 | ASSISTS: 0 | POINTS: 2

### #5 | SKYE LEACH | MF | HT: 5'7



A midfielder with a history of impactful play across multiple collegiate power conferences, Skye Leach joins for her first season with Aurora FC in 2026. Leach, originally from Texas, spent the first three seasons of her NCAA Division I career with Baylor, before transferring to Kentucky in 2025, where she was teammates with Aurora all-time leading scorer Cat Rapp. Over the course of four years, Leach racked up 5,597 minutes played, while starting 60 of her 75 appearances.

#### 2026 Stats:

APP: 5 | STARTS: 4 | MIN: 364 | GOALS: 2 | ASSISTS: 0 | POINTS: 4

## #7 | ANGELA GUTIERREZ | MF | HT: 5'2



Angela Gutierrez enters her second season with Aurora FC. Gutierrez, regarded as one of the Missouri Valley Conference's most prolific attacking midfielders, returns to Eagan following her debut season with the club in 2025. She appeared in 7 matches, starting four, contributing an assist for an Aurora side that claimed its fourth consecutive division title. Collegiately, Gutierrez has spent the past three seasons at NCAA Division I Drake University. The Minnesota native has recorded 56 total appearances for the Bulldogs, logging nearly 3,400 total minutes.

### 2026 Stats:

APP: 6 | STARTS: 2 | MIN: 193 | GOALS: 1 | ASSISTS: 0 | POINTS: 2

### USL W Career Stats (Aurora FC, '25):

APP: 13 | STARTS: 6 | MIN: 549 | GOALS: 1 | ASSISTS: 1 | POINTS: 3

## #8 | MAIA TABION | FWD | HT: 5'2



A former All-Ivy League Selection, Maia Tabion joins Aurora FC for her first season with the club in 2026. Tabion, a native of Washington, arrives in Eagan fresh off a four year career with Columbia University, logging 4,619 minutes with 29 total goal involvements. During the 2025 W League season, Tabion played for Salmon Bay FC, appearing in nine matches while playing 618 minutes. She chipped in three goal contributions last summer, including two assists. At the international level, Tabion has earned call-ups to the United States U15 and U18 Youth National Teams, helping the US win the 2016 CONCACAF U15 Championship.

### 2026 Stats:

APP: 6 | STARTS: 4 | MIN: 334 | GOALS: 1 | ASSISTS: 1 | POINTS: 3

### USL W Career Stats (Aurora FC, '26; Salmon Bay, '25; FC Olympia, '23-'24):

APP: 27 | STARTS: 21 | MIN: 1781 | GOALS: 8 | ASSISTS: 6 | POINTS: 22

## #9 | TALIA COURY | DEF | HT: 5'8



A center back with multiple youth international caps under her belt, Talia Coury heads to the Twin Cities for her first season with Minnesota Aurora FC. Coury, a rising junior from Phoenix, AZ, arrives fresh off two productive seasons for Idaho State University of the Big Sky Conference where she has seen over 2,300 minutes of action in a Bengals shirt. In October of the 2025 season, she earned a call-up to the Mexican U23 National Team camp in Finland, where she saw international action against both Denmark and Finland. She was later called back to the team to compete in February 2026. Coury became the second Bengal to feature in international play for Mexico, joining the program's second all-time leading scorer and the Mexico Senior National Team's María Sánchez.

### 2026 Stats:

APP: 4 | STARTS: 2 | MIN: 180 | GOALS: 2 | ASSISTS: 0 | POINTS: 4

## #10 | KAITLYN SLOCUM | DEF | HT: –



A standout defender from NCAA Division I's Mountain West Conference, Kaitlyn Slocum joins Aurora FC for her first season with the club in 2026. Slocum, a native of Idaho, has spent the past three collegiate seasons with Boise State University, playing over 3,400 career minutes across 54 appearances, of which she has started 35 since her freshman campaign. In addition to all-league superlatives, Slocum was one of five Broncos to land on the United Soccer Coaches' All-Region Team in 2025, the only Boise State player to earn an All-Region First Team selection.

### 2026 Stats:

APP: 6 | STARTS: 2 | MIN: 191 | GOALS: 0 | ASSISTS: 0 | POINTS: 0

## #11 | HAYLEE MERSEREAU | DEF | HT: 5'8



A defender out of NCAA Division I's Big 12 Conference, Haylee Mersereau arrives in the Twin Cities for her first season with Aurora FC in 2026. Mersereau, a native of Florida, spent her 2025 college season at University of Central Florida (UCF). Prior to that, Mersereau spent her first three seasons in the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) with University of Pittsburgh, from 2022 to 2024. At the club level, Mersereau was the no. 45 ranked defender in the country, earning a United States National Soccer Training invite in 2017. In 2021, Mersereau was invited to the US Youth National Team Identification Center.

### 2026 Stats:

APP: 7 | STARTS: 6 | MIN: 421 | GOALS: 0 | ASSISTS: 1 | POINTS: 1

## #12 | FLAVIE DUBÉ | MF | HT: 5'6



A native of Ontario, Canada, Flavie Dubé will don an Aurora shirt for the first time in 2025. Dubé arrives in the Twin Cities via the University of Memphis, where she, along with teammate Ai Kitagawa, helped the Tigers claim the American Conference regular season title in 2025. Dubé was one of only five Tigers to start all 21 matches last NCAA season, playing 1,781 total minutes. Prior to arriving at Memphis, Dubé spent two years at Louisiana Tech of Conference USA, where she was selected as the 2022 conference Freshman of the Year, while also garnering All-Conference Second Team and All-Freshman Team honors that same season. Across 38-career appearances for the Lady Techsters, Dubé tallied seven goals with seven assists, while playing 2,390 minutes.

### 2026 Stats:

APP: 5 | STARTS: 4 | MIN: 301 | GOALS: 2 | ASSISTS: 1 | POINTS: 5

### USL W Career Stats (Aurora FC, '26; South Georgia Tormenta, '25):

APP: 14 | STARTS: 10 | MIN: 868 | GOALS: 5 | ASSISTS: 4 | POINTS: 14

## #13 | KYRA KARFONTA | DEF | HT: 5'9



A highly touted defender out of the Atlantic 10 Conference, Kyra Karfonta joins Aurora FC for her first season with the club in 2026. Karfonta, originally from Michigan, has spent the last four seasons at the University of Dayton where she amassed 5,329 minutes played across 67 total appearances. As a senior in 2025, Karfonta put together her best season to-date, playing and starting a career high 22 matches en route to playing a career best 1,962 minutes. She posted four goals that season, all of which were match winners, helping her land on the All-Atlantic 10 Conference First Team, a career first. Karfonta also garnered A10 Defensive Player of the Year honors in 2025, the first time a Flyer has earned that award since the 2013 season.

### 2026 Stats:

APP: 5 | STARTS: 5 | MIN: 342 | GOALS: 0 | ASSISTS: 2 | POINTS: 2

### USL W Career Stats (Aurora FC, '26; Detroit City FC, '25):

APP: 6 | STARTS: 5 | MIN: 378 | GOALS: 0 | ASSISTS: 2 | POINTS: 2

## #15 | HANNAH BOUGHTON | MF | HT: 5'5



A versatile full back and midfielder with nearly 80 career NCAA Division I appearances, Hannah Boughton joins Aurora FC for her first season with the club in 2026. Boughton, a native of Texas, heads to Eagan following her senior season at University of Central Florida. Prior to her lone season at UCF, Boughton played a pair of seasons at Baylor University and began her career at University of Missouri. Her final college season in 2025 proved to be one of Boughton's best. The midfielder started 16 of her 21 appearances for the Knights, logging a single-season career high 1,458 minutes. She played every minute of seven matches that season, and started the final 12 straight matches along the back line after opening the season in the midfield. She closed the campaign with one goal, scoring in the NCAA Tournament opening round against Maine.

### 2026 Stats:

APP: 7 | STARTS: 5 | MIN: 490 | GOALS: 1 | ASSISTS: 0 | POINTS: 2

### USL W Career Stats (Aurora FC, '26; FC Olympia, '24-'25):

APP: 21 | STARTS: 15 | MIN: 1416 | GOALS: 5 | ASSISTS: 1 | POINTS: 11

## #17 | OLIVIA RUSH | MF | HT: 5'4



A day one starter in the NCAA's Big Ten Conference, Olivia Rush joins Aurora FC for the 2026 USL W League season. Rush, a midfielder and native of Michigan, has spent the last four college seasons with the University of Indiana, playing nearly 5,000 career minutes with 71 career appearances. 2025 saw Rush start all 17 of Indiana's matches en route to her registering a single-season career best 1,509 minutes, again finding the back of the net that season for her third career goal. Rush also recorded her first career assist during the 2025 season, when she tallied a first half assist against Bellarmine.

### 2026 Stats:

APP: 7 | STARTS: 3 | MIN: 283 | GOALS: 0 | ASSISTS: 0 | POINTS: 0

## #18 | THALIA MORISI | MF | HT: 5'4



A midfielder with nearly 4,000 career minutes at the NCAA Division I level, Thalia Morisi heads to Minnesota for her first season with Aurora FC in 2026. Morisi, a native of New York, arrives in Eagan after spending the 2024 and 2025 college seasons at University of Kentucky. Prior to her time in Lexington, Morisi played two seasons at Old Dominion from 2022 to 2023. In 2025, Morisi's senior season, the midfielder put together her best at the college level to date. Morisi started and played in a career high 21 matches, logging 1,737 minutes. Her seven goals, also a career best, finished tied with former Aurora forward Cat Rapp for most on the team. That duo helped Kentucky post a 12 win season in 2025, ultimately earning a spot in that year's NCAA Tournament.

### 2026 Stats:

APP: 5 | STARTS: 3 | MIN: 279 | GOALS: 2 | ASSISTS: 0 | POINTS: 4

### USL W Career Stats (Aurora FC, '26; Long Island, '25; FA Euro NY, '23):

APP: 18 | STARTS: 12 | MIN: 1347 | GOALS: 3 | ASSISTS: 0 | POINTS: 6

## #20 | JEANETTE FIELDSSEND | MF | HT: 5'2



A standout at both the collegiate and national team levels, Jeanette Fieldsend arrives in Eagan for her first season with Aurora FC in 2026. Fieldsend, a native of North Carolina, spent her first three college seasons at NCAA Division I James Madison, seeing minutes in two campaigns, while redshirting during 2024. Following the 2025 season, Fieldsend announced her intentions to transfer to Saint Louis University, where she will have two years of eligibility. Fieldsend's career extends beyond the ranks of college soccer. Since 2016, she has been a member of the United States Futsal National Team. In 2025, Fieldsend was part of the 14-player roster that represented the US at the CONCACAF Women's Futsal Championship.

### 2026 Stats:

APP: 7 | STARTS: 2 | MIN: 306 | GOALS: 1 | ASSISTS: 3 | POINTS: 5

## #21 | JELENA ZBILJIC | DEF | HT: 5'5



2025 Team Captain Jelena Zbiljic has been a consistent face in Aurora's lineup since the inaugural season, appearing in 45 of 57 matches. Zbiljic returned to Aurora for the 2025 season, suiting up in 13 matches and starting 8, helping the club to its fourth straight Heartland Division crown. Under Zbiljic's captaincy, Aurora would reach the National Semifinal of the USL W League playoffs, the club's first such appearance since 2023. At the college level, Zbiljic spent three seasons at the University of Minnesota, where she transferred after three seasons at the University of Illinois-Chicago. In 2024, Zbiljic started all 22 matches for the Gophers en route to UMN's first NCAA Tournament appearance since 2018. Zbiljic helped take the Minnesota squad to the Round of 16, a first for the program in 14 seasons.

### 2026 Stats:

APP: 1 | STARTS: 0 | MIN: 30 | GOALS: 0 | ASSISTS: 0 | POINTS: 0

### USL W Career Stats (Aurora FC, '26; Aurora FC, '22-'25):

APP: 47 | STARTS: 23 | MIN: 2421 | GOALS: 3 | ASSISTS: 1 | POINTS: 7

## #25 | HADLI BARRERA | MF | HT: 5'8



A hybrid forward/midfielder at the NCAA Division I level, Hadlie Barrera dons an Aurora FC kit for her first season with the club in 2026. Barrera, a rising sophomore, spent her first college season at Utah State University, helping the Aggies to a 10 win season and a return trip to the NCAA Tournament. As a freshman in 2025, Barrera was an immediate contributor on the pitch, appearing in 23 matches overall, playing 735 minutes. She finished her inaugural season with five goals, while posting eight goal contributions overall.

### 2026 Stats:

APP: 7 | STARTS: 2 | MIN: 293 | GOALS: 1 | ASSISTS: 0 | POINTS: 2

## #31 | AI KITAGAWA | MF | HT: 5'4



A former Japanese youth national team call-up and the top midfielder in the American Athletic Conference, Ai Kitagawa joins Aurora FC for her first season in 2026. A native of Itami City in Japan, Kitagawa attends the University of Memphis, where she has spent the last two seasons, logging over 2,500 minutes while scoring 16 career goals to go along with 11 career assists. Prior to arriving in Memphis, Kitagawa was twice named Player of the Year at Osaka Gakugei Senior High School in Japan and earned a call-up to the Japan U15 Youth National Team's training camp.

### 2026 Stats:

APP: 7 | STARTS: 6 | MIN: 511 | GOALS: 7 | ASSISTS: 3 | POINTS: 17

## #41 | CAPRIEL WINDER | DEF | HT: 5'3



A defender and native of Utah, Capriel Winder dons Aurora teal for the first time in 2026. Winder, a rising sophomore, spent 2025 at Utah State University, logging nearly 1,700 minutes across 19 appearances for the Aggies. The other half of USU's Winder sister duo was a crucial piece of Utah State's 10-win campaign a season ago, helping the Aggies reach for the third straight season. In October, Winder received a call-up to the US U-20 Women's National Team training camp ahead of the FIFA U-20 World Cup. At the prep level, Winder is a former three time All-State Utah selection, garnering First Team honors in consecutive seasons to close out her high school career, finishing with 55 total goal contributions in four seasons.

### 2026 Stats:

APP: 6 | STARTS: 5 | MIN: 370 | GOALS: 0 | ASSISTS: 1 | POINTS: 1

## #52 | AMELIA BROWN | MF | HT: 5'10



A defensive midfielder with nearly 70 games of Division I experience under her belt, Amelia Brown arrives in Eagan for her first season with Aurora FC. Brown joins the club following two seasons with the UNC-Charlotte 49ers, captaining that squad during the 2025 campaign. That season saw Brown tally a single-season career best three goals, while starting all 18 matches for Charlotte. Prior to her pair of seasons in the Queen City, Brown spent 2 years at the University of Minnesota, featuring in 32 total matches for the Gophers. Over the course of the 2022 and 2023 seasons, Brown played nearly 2,000 total minutes and contributed 3 points. In the USL W League, the college standout suited up for NC Courage U23s – the W League affiliate of the NWSL's North Carolina Courage – during the league's inaugural season in 2022, where she played in 10 matches.

### 2026 Stats:

APP: 7 | STARTS: 3 | MIN: 369 | GOALS: 0 | ASSISTS: 0 | POINTS: 0

### USL W Career Stats (Aurora FC, '26; NC Courage U23s, '22-'25):

APP: 56 | STARTS: 41 | MIN: 3458 | GOALS: 0 | ASSISTS: 1 | POINTS: 1

## Blank Space

Thanks to their clean sheet victory against Sioux Falls City Wednesday night, Aurora earned its 12th clean sheet in the last 13 matches, dating back to 2025.

The shutout also helped Aurora extend the club record for consecutive clean sheets kept (9).

## Midwest State of Mind

Through eight match days, Aurora finds itself near the top of the Central Conference in a number of categories: 1st in goals (29), 1st in goals against (0) and 2nd in shots on target (74).

Aurora aren't just lighting up the conference leaderboard, either. Entering the week, Aurora are the only team remaining in the USL W League that has yet to concede a goal.

## Pitch Perfect

Aurora enters their ninth match of 2026 as one of only six perfect teams in the W League, yet to suffer a loss or play to a draw.

## All Ai's on Me

Since debuting for Aurora back in late May, Ai Kitagawa continues to turn heads in the W League, entering the week tied for the Golden Boot lead.

With a brace against Rally Madison, Kitagawa became the 4th player in club history with multiple multi-goal matches, joining Morgan Turner (2022), Maya Hansen (2022-2024) and Cat Rapp (2022-2025).

## Brighter Together

Aurora's high-octane attack is no stranger to multi-goal matches, having scored at least 2 goals in a match 49 times in club history.

2026 has been no exception: Aurora have scored at least 2 goals in seven of nine matches to start the year, having scored at least 5 goals on three occasions.

## One Win is All it Takes

With a win Saturday, Aurora officially clinches the 2026 Heartland Division title, and with it, a playoff berth. It would mark a fifth straight division title, a feat no other club has achieved.

## For Club and Country

Aurora's success to open 2026 extends beyond the W League; it's happening on the international level, too.

In May, Skye Leach was called up to the Philippines' Women's National Team for their May camp window. Meanwhile, Talia Coury was called to Mexico's U23 Women's National Team.

It marks the second time in Aurora history multiple players have been called into international duty within the same season

## Do You Want the House Tour?

Aurora enters the weekend outright winners of 16 of their last 17 regular season home matches, since the start of 2023, taking 49 of a possible 51 points in that stretch.

In 29 all-time home regular season fixtures, Aurora is 27-0-2, having scored at least 2 goals 26 times and keeping a clean sheet in 18 matches. Over the last 1,080 minutes played at TCO overall, Aurora have only allowed 2 total goals.

## For Community. By Community.

Minnesota Aurora was founded by a group of Twin Cities residents and announced in June 2021 as a founding member of the new USL W League, which serves as the country's premier pre-professional league developing the next generation of women's talent, both on and off the field.

The USL W League is made up of the very best amateur and aspiring professional players in the country. Our team features top college players, as well as women playing professionally overseas who are looking for a way to grow their game.

The team's initial community ownership campaign in 2021 raised \$1 million from 3080 community investors from 48 states and several countries. Those investors chose the team name and crest, and they have two representatives on the team's governing board.

In 2024, Aurora launched a second community ownership campaign, which raised an additional \$850,000 from 2,257 new owners. The second campaign's success officially made Aurora the largest community-owned women's soccer club in the United States.

Since 2022, Aurora has set attendance records in the USLW averaging over 5300 fans per game at its home TCO Stadium at Viking Lakes. The team has never lost a regular season match and has won the Heartland Division in each of the last four seasons.

### ALL-TIME GOALS

CAT RAPP	25
MARIAH NGUYEN	19
MAYA HANSEN	16
SOPHIE FRENCH	14
HANNAH ADLER	11
KATIE DUONG	9
AI KITAGAWA	9

### ALL-TIME SAVES

TAYLOR KANE	49
SARAH FULLER	28
AMANDA POORBAUGH	20
NADIA COOPER	10
TAYLOR FOX	10

### ALL-TIME APPEARANCES

CAT RAPP	51
MARIAH NGUYEN	50
JELENA ZBILJIC	48
ADDY WEICHERS	37
MORGAN STONE	36

### ALL-TIME POINTS

CAT RAPP	67
MARIAH NGUYEN	50
MAYA HANSEN	38
SOPHIE FRENCH	31
KATIE DUONG	29
HANNAH ADLER	28
ADDISON WEICHERS	24

### ALL-TIME CLEAN SHEETS

TAYLOR KANE	12
AMANDA POORBAUGH	7
SARAH FULLER	6
TAYLOR FOX	5
NADIA COOPER	4

### ALL-TIME GK APP.

TAYLOR KANE	30
AMANDA POORBAUGH	13
SARAH FULLER	13
TAYLOR FOX	7
NADIA COOPER	5

# Aurora FC: A Pathway to the Pros

Starting with the club's first-ever player to turn pro – Morgan Turner – in 2022, Minnesota Aurora FC has become a consistent producer of professional soccer talent, both domestically and across the globe.

Since the club's inaugural season, 23 Aurora FC alumnae have gone on to sign professional contracts, including a club-record 9 players from the 2025 roster.

The Aurora badge has been represented by its former players in 16 countries, including the United States, where five Aurora FC players have gone on to complete the USL's professional pathway by signing contracts with USL Super League clubs. Of those five, four are currently active in the league, while three call themselves teammates once again (Charley Boone, Cat Rapp, Maya Hansen).

In 2024, Aurora had its first player selected in a professional draft, when the Portland Thorns of the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) selected Kelsey Kaufusi 25th overall.

Two former Aurora players have gone on to join NWSL rosters since finishing their time in Eagan: Kaufusi and goalkeeper Nadia Cooper, who signed with the Houston Dash during the 2025 NWSL season.

Aurora FC has also been represented on the international stage, with Hannah Adler spending the last three seasons with the United States' Beach National Team.

Aurora's professional pathway extends beyond players. In 2025, Spokane Zephyr of the USL Super League named former Aurora FC manager Nicole Lukic as the club's first-ever permanent manager.



VIENNA BEHNKE



CHARLEY BOONE



EVELYN CALHOON



KATIE DUONG



KELIS BARTON



NADIA COOPER



NATALIE TAVANA



MORGAN TURNER



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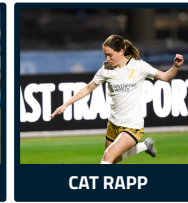
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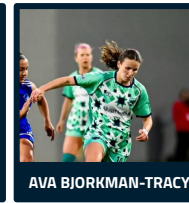
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JULIA SATTLER



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TAYLOR KANE



STELLA LAWSON

# TCO Stadium - Eagan, Minnesota

In 2022, Minnesota Aurora FC announced its partnership with MV Ventures to play all home matches at TCO Stadium in Eagan. Beginning with their inaugural season in May 2022, Aurora has called TCO Stadium home ever since.

The stadium, which is a part of the Vikings Lakes campus and adjacent to the Minnesota Vikings headquarters, provides Minnesota Aurora with a first-class facility for fans and players. The partnership includes full access to the locker rooms, press box, VIP areas, concessions and more than 2,500 parking spaces, plus Twin Cities Orthopedics medical facilities and Training Haus next door.

TCO Stadium seats approximately 5,500 with an ability to expand with temporary seating. On July 1 2023, Aurora set a stadium attendance record of 6,987 fans.



Aurora fans in attendance for a home match at TCO Stadium during the 2022 USL W League season.



## AURORA HOME RECORD, BY SEASON

SEASON	RECORD	GOAL DIFFERENCE	PLAYOFF RECORD
2022	<b>5-0-1</b>	<b>+13 (17 GF/4 GA)</b>	2-1-0
2023	<b>6-0-0</b>	<b>+36 (38 GF/2 GA)</b>	n/a
2024	<b>6-0-0</b>	<b>+24 (27 GF/3 GA)</b>	n/a
2025	<b>5-0-1</b>	<b>+14 (15 GF/1 GA)</b>	0-1-0

## 2025 Match-by-Match Attendance

- May 22 vs. Rochester FC - 5,219
- June 6 vs. Sioux Falls City SC - 5,132
- June 8 vs. RKC Third Coast - 5,064
- June 12 vs. Dutch Lions - 4,372
- June 22 vs. River Light FC - 6,016
- June 28 vs. Rochester FC - 5,944
- July 12 vs. Utah United\* - 6,200