

## 2025-2026 NCSA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE

**Team Name:** FAU Club Softball

**Mascot:** Owl

**Location:** Boca Raton

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):**

Madi Dutton

Sophia Shaffer

Carmella Hack

**2024-25 Performance:**

- Record: **11-4**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: 3rd in conference
- Notables:
  - Series win over FSU
  - Highest ranking of 14th on top 20 poll during season

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners):**

15 returners

**Players to Watch:**

Gabby Mack- OF

Lilly Pierson- LHP

Madi Dutton– Utility

**New additions:**

The roster is not yet finalized as tryouts are underway.

**Biggest Rival:**

FSU

**2025-26 Season Outlook:**

After a breakout 2024-2025 season that saw us earn national rankings for multiple weeks and secure series wins over top ranked opponents, we're heading into the upcoming season with even higher expectations. With nearly our entire roster returning, we bring strong team chemistry, valuable experience and an even greater drive to win. We are ready to build on last year's success and have an even bigger impact this season.

**Manager Quote:**

I am incredibly proud of what we accomplished last season and excited to see how we build on that momentum this year. With so many key players returning, the expectations are high and the team chemistry is strong. I am looking forward to seeing how far this group can go. -Madi Dutton (Team President)



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## **2025-2026 NCSA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: Club Softball at UCF**

**Mascot: Knights**

**Location: 4000 Central Florida Blvd, Orlando, FL 32816**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): President: Cristina Penney, Vice President: Kaci Links**

**2024-25 Performance:**

- Record: **14-4**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **2**
- Notables: **5 series wins, 3 series sweeps, First trip to regionals in program history**

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 12**

**Players to Watch: Kaci Links, Brooke Nolan,**

**New additions: N/A**

**Biggest Rival: Florida State University**

**Best Player Nickname: N/A**

**2025-26 Season Outlook: Return to Regionals**

**Manager Quote: N/A**



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## **2025-2026 NCSA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: South Carolina Club Softball**

**Mascot: Gamecocks**

**Location: Columbia, South Carolina**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Claire Cole (coach)**

### **2024-25 Performance:**

- Record: **11-4 in conference; 24-10 overall**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **#1 in South Atlantic-North conference. #1 in South Atlantic Regional. Finished #9 after the NCSA World Series.**
- Notables: **Won the title of South Atlantic Champions in our first-ever appearance in the South Atlantic Regional Tournament. First-ever program appearance in the NCSA World Series since our founding in Fall 2021.**

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 14 returners. 3 returning NCSA All-Americans (1 2<sup>nd</sup> Team, 2 3<sup>rd</sup> Team). 9 returning All-Region players (5 players earning 1<sup>st</sup> Team, 3 players earning 2<sup>nd</sup> Team, 1 player earning 3<sup>rd</sup> Team). 10 Academic All-Americans.**

### Players to Watch:

Macey Dowe earned the title of NCSA Player of the Week in March, after a performance against UNC-C that included 8 hits in 10 at-bats, 3 home runs (one being a grand slam), 7 runs, 7 RBIs, and two stolen bases. Macey had big shoes to fill last spring after we graduated our starting shortstop, but she stepped up in a huge way and locked down the position, dominating both defensively & offensively. Her bat is electric, finishing the season with an average of .476; Macey's speed, drive, and hustle at shortstop make her a force on both sides of the field. Macey also earned All-Region 1<sup>st</sup> Team honors for SS.

Hayley Belli earned 3<sup>rd</sup> Team NCSA All-American honors last season, as well as 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Region honors. She earned South Atlantic-North Player of the Week last March after her performance against Auburn, which boasted 8 hits in 13 ABs, a .615 BA, 5 RBIs, 5 runs scored, and a stolen base. Hayley is a player whose love of the game shines through in every single play she makes; she is a fast and explosive centerfielder with incredible range, and never shies away from laying out for a ball. Her bat is nothing short of impressive, as Hayley hit .529 on the season, slugged .800, smashed 3 home runs, and finished with a 1.380 OPS.

Katie Ziliani earned NCSA All-American 3<sup>rd</sup> Team honors as a pitcher last season, as well as 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Region honors. Katie put up highly impressive numbers in our series against Auburn to earn South Atlantic-North Pitcher of the Week, allowing 0 earned runs and striking out 11 in 8 innings pitched. She walked zero batters and allowed only 4 hits in those 8 innings as well, and earned the W for the final game of our sweep. Katie finished the season with a 1.96 ERA and a WHIP of 1.07. Katie's velocity and spin make her a force on the mound, but what sets her apart aside from her impressive physical skill is her mental toughness. No matter how challenging the situation may be, Katie is the definition of a true gamer, and remains calm and collected to come out on top.

Jenna Goldey earned NCSA 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-American honors last season for her performance at 2<sup>nd</sup> base. Jenna is the true definition of a well-rounded star player, earning not only 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Region honors as a 2<sup>nd</sup> baseman, but 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Region honors as a pitcher, having thrown 42 innings last season (the most on our team). Her ability on the mound shined in our series against UGA (a key set of games that determined our bid to the South Atlantic Regional), earning the W in Game 2 to take the series, and boasting a WHIP of 1.00 over 7 IP. Jenna is not only a dominant fielder and pitcher; her power at the plate is standout, having batted 0.478 on the season with a 0.866 slugging %, a 1.386 OPS, and 7 HRs (leading the team in dingers).

Sydney Mueller is another player to watch; she locks down third base with diving catches, a strong arm, and quick reflexes. Syd earned 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Region honors for her performance in the hot corner; she hustles out every ball and gives 1000% to make the out, fair or foul. Syd came up clutch in key situations for us at the plate last season (batting .340), most notably in our series against Tennessee, when she hit the go-ahead single in the final inning of Game 2 to secure us the series win. Syd's incredible positivity and never-ending hustle make her an important part of our team.



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Isabella Clark worked tirelessly behind (and at) the plate last season to earn 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Region honors as a catcher. Her mental strength as well as physical skills behind the dish contributed to every series win this past year. Izzy's dedication to the team and ability to lead on the field even in the toughest of situations make her a standout player; she caught in every single game we played in the World Series, locking it down behind the plate for 5 full games and only subbing out in the last innings of our 6<sup>th</sup> game and final matchup against Sacred Heart. She finished the year with a fielding percentage of .970 and a batting average of .340. Izzy is a dedicated player and invaluable member of our squad for her ability on the field as well as her commitment to her teammates outside the lines.

Kasidy Austin filled a key role in our outfield this season, earning 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Region honors and batting 0.361 on the season. Kas is incredibly fast, smooth, and skilled; she has a great mind for the game in every situation, from fielding to hitting to baserunning. She's one of those players who is just fun to watch, laying out for every possible ball and doing it with a smile on her face. Kas picks up her teammates like no one else--her ability to contribute to the team's energy has allowed us to pull out wins even when the outlook seemed unsure. Kas was an especially key player in our South Atlantic Regional win, keeping us in every game because of her contributions on both sides of the field. She made it incredibly tough on other teams to get a hit through the right side!

New additions: N/A (we will be finalizing rosters after final day of tryouts September 3<sup>rd</sup>).

**Biggest Rival:** Clemson

**Best Player Nickname:** "Jimmy" (Jenna Goldey)

#### **2025-26 Season Outlook:**

This fall, we will be facing Coastal Carolina and the University of Georgia, as well as playing in the NCSA Fall Tournament in Asheville. We have not faced Coastal in the past few seasons, but have heard that they're a competitive team; it will be our home opener series and we're also looking to host our alumni back for the series, so we anticipate bringing lots of energy to that set of games. We beat UGA 2-1 in our series against them last spring; they are a strong team with impressive talent, but we have faith in our ability to pull out a series win once again. The Fall Tournament last year was a blast, and a great opportunity for reps against a wide variety of teams. We placed second, falling to NC State in the championship, but we are looking to come back even stronger this year and compete in the championship once again.

In the spring, we face Clemson, Auburn, Tennessee, and Virginia Tech in the regular season. Last year, we fell to Clemson 2-1 so we most definitely have something to prove this season in that matchup. Auburn and Tennessee are two more great teams, but we won both series last season with a sweep against Auburn;



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**we have faith in our ability to compete well in both series and hopefully win once again. We have not faced Virginia Tech yet, but know they will be great opponents this season as well.**

**Our team is pumped for this year after coming off our best record season, with our first-ever appearances in the South Atlantic Regional and the NCSA World Series, as well as our first-ever conference and region championship wins. We are looking to run it back again this year and compete hard in the playoffs! Our team prides itself on entering competition with intensity, while also bringing a strong positive energy to every single matchup. We are so thrilled to be playing again and want to make it even further this year than we did this past season.**

**Manager Quote: "Carolina Club Softball has had a record year. Starting the 24-25 season we had 12 returners, and 10 new players join the roster. Coming into the 24-25 season we worked hard in our practices, rain or shine; we always made reps a priority, but we also had fun practices planned to build team chemistry. Off the field, our girls have formed close bonds that make our team incomparable to others, and different from all of the competition. When building this team, each girl has been chosen for a reason, and each player fills a very important role on the team, both on the field and in the dugout. This club team is truly a special group and has grown into a powerhouse of success. As we reflect on our accomplishments this past year we realize how blessed we are to have had the opportunity to prove ourselves at the South Atlantic Regional and at the World Series. We are truly unstoppable and look forward to competing to our full potential for the 25-26 season. Go 'Cocks!"**

**- Claire Cole, coach and founder**



## **2025-2026 NCSA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name:** Nova Southeastern University Club Softball

**Mascot:** Sharks

**Location:** Davie, Florida

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Rachel Shaw, Jenalyn Hewett

**2024-25 Performance:**

- Record: 2-14
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: N/A
- Notables: N/A

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners):** 9

**Players to Watch:** Rachel Shaw, Alivia Klipp, Jenalyn Hewett

**New additions:** Julia Stevens, Kaitlyn De Abreu, Sophia Goodman, Jazmin Reinkemeyer

**Biggest Rival:** N/A

**2025-26 Season Outlook:** The Sharks heads into the 2025 season with a strong core of returning players and new talent. With solid hitting depth and improved defensive consistency, the team looks to compete at a high level and make a strong run this year.

**Manager Quote:** With our mix of experienced players and new talent, this season will absolutely be the best yet!

## 2025-2026 NCSA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE

**Team Name:** Florida State University

**Mascot:** Seminoles

**Location:** Tallahassee, Florida

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Paige Albrecht (President), Caroline Orum (Vice President)

### 2024-25 Performance:

- Record: **Conference Record: 15-3**      **Overall Record: 23-8**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **Finished 4th in World Series**
- Notables: **We were the South Atlantic-South Regional Champion**

**Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners):** 9 returners

**Players to Watch:** Caroline Orum (Catcher)

**New additions:** Have not had tryouts yet

**Biggest Rival:** FAU

**Best Player Nickname:** Hammi

**2025-26 Season Outlook:** Although several of our players graduated, we still have a strong core returning, ready to make another World Series run. We are actively recruiting and have already connected with talented pitchers and outfielders to strengthen the roster.

**Manager Quote:** I'm ready to step in and help guide our team through an exciting season. Even though nearly half the roster will be new, I'm confident we can come together, build chemistry quickly, and set ourselves up for another strong World Series run. This season is about growth, teamwork, and giving our all on and off the field.