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2026-2027 NCSA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE

Team Name: Softball Club at USF

Mascot: Bull

Location: Tampa, Florida

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Bella Waldbauer (President), Cadence Lewis (Vice President), Angelina Compovono (Treasurer), Faith Morell (Risk Manager)

2025-26 Performance:

- Record: **0-17**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **n/a**
- Notables: **Cadence Lewis 2 homerun weekend at Nova Southeastern**

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): Estimated about 12-15 (tryouts are 9/8 & 9/9)

Players to Watch: JC Thaxton (.462 BA), Faith Morell (.421 BA), Mia Tarpley (.400 BA), Cadence Lewis (.400 BA), Bella Waldbauer (.393 BA)

New additions: unsure

Biggest Rival: UCF

Best Player Nickname: Tarp (Mia Tarpley)

2026-27 Season Outlook: 9-9

Manager Quote: We are excited to make our return to the NCSA this year. Last year was our first year back in the league after quite some time. We have high hopes for this year, so I am excited to showcase our growth and success as a team!



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Team Name: FAU Club Softball

Mascot: Owl

Location: Boca Raton, FL

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Madilyn Dutton- President

2025-26 Performance:

- Record: **11-7**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **3rd**
- Notables:

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 14 returners

Players to Watch: Ella Bolano(ss) , Hunter Kresge (OF), Izzy Novosielski(OF)

New additions: Tryouts are taking place September 11th and 12th

Biggest Rival: UCF

Best Player Nickname:

2026-27 Season Outlook: After coming off of a strong winning season last year, we have high expectations for the upcoming season. With almost the full roster returning we have the talent and competitive drive to go far this season. Our goal this season is to continue building on our strong foundation and go further than we have.

Manager Quote: I am excited for this upcoming season with nearly the whole roster returning and promising new faces, our expectations are high. Our group has incredible talent and competitive drive. We plan to set the tone early this season and I am looking forward to a great year. -Madi Dutton (President)



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2026-2027 NCSA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE

Team Name: Club Softball at UCF

Mascot: Knights

Location: Orlando, Florida

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Malena Santia (President) and Kaci Links (Vice President)

2025-26 Performance:

- Record: 15-3
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: #1 in our conference, #13 in D1 NCSA teams
- Notables: First World Series appearance in over a decade, 6 series wins, 3 series sweeps, 10 player/pitcher of the week accolades, NCSA D1 South Atlantic Champions

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

12 returning players

Including:

Malena Santia (player of the week)

Kaci Links (player of the week x2)

Samantha Titzel (player of the week x3)

Keelynn Kelly (player of the week)

Annabella Musumeci (player of the week)

Players to Watch:

Everyone! (These are regular season stats)

Belle Williams (AVG: .354) (AB: 48) (OBP: .458) (RBI: 11) (QAB%: 47.46)

Cassidy Hooks (AVG: .510) (AB: 49) (OBP: .600) (RBI: 15) (QAB%: 60.00)

Ella Soltys (AVG: .393) (AB: 28) (OBP: .414) (RBI: 4) (QAB%: 44.83)

Jessica Feig (AVG: .500) (AB: 2) (OBP: .750) (RBI: 0) (QAB%: 75.00)

Kaci Links (AVG: .217) (AB: 23) (OBP: .250) (RBI: 3) (QAB%: 37.50) (IP: 76.1) (SO: 107) (BB: 18)

Keelynn Kelly (AVG: .537) (AB: 54) (OBP: .581) (RBI: 15) (QAB%: 53.23)

Kendyl Gaffney (AVG: .455) (AB: 44) (OBP: .500) (RBI: 4) (QAB%: 41.67)

Kiaya Sunn

Samantha Titzel (IP: 35.2) (SO: 44) (BB: 11)

Annabella Musumeci (AVG: .273) (AB: 44) (OBP: .304) (RBI: 9) (QAB%: 50.00)

Madison Machado

Malena Santia (AVG: .455) (AB: 55) (OBP: .500) (RBI: 21) (QAB%: 59.68)



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New additions:

We are excited to add more players once our season starts in September!

Biggest Rival:

Florida and Florida State

2026-27 Season Outlook:

We are hoping to return to the World Series this year!

Manager Quote:

We are all very excited for our season to begin! I expect big things from my fellow teammates! Last year, everyone contributed to our Conference win, as well as our appearance at the 2026 World Series. We had an amazing season in 2025-2026, and we are coming out, bats a-blazing, for the 2026-2027 season!

Go Knights, Charge On!

Malena Santia