



San Diego Wave (USA) vs. Thorns (USA)

Group B, September 18, 2024, Snapdragon Stadium, San Diego.

They have met 10 times, where Portland Thorns have 5 victories, 2 draws, and 3 losses, with a goal tally of 14-12.

Out of the 10 matches they have faced each other, 6 were in the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) with 2 victories for each team and 2 draws.

Results:

- - Wave 2-2 Thorns (Taylor Flint x2; Sophia Smith and Christine Sinclair), Matchday 3 - NWSL 2022, Torero Stadium, San Diego (July 8, 2022).
- - Thorns 0-2 Wave (Kristen McNabb and Alex Morgan), Matchday 5 - NWSL 2022, Providence Park, Portland (August 27, 2022).
- - Thorns 2-1 Wave (Raquel Rodríguez and Crystal Dunn; Taylor Flint), Semifinals (Playoffs) - NWSL 2022, Providence Park, Portland (October 23, 2022).
- - Wave 1-1 Thorns (Sofia Jakobsson; Reyna Reyes), Matchday 3 - NWSL 2023, Snapdragon Stadium, San Diego (May 26, 2023).
- - Thorns 0-2 Wave (Kyra Carusa and Alex Morgan), Matchday 7 - NWSL 2023, Providence Park, Portland (September 30, 2023).
- - Thorns 1-0 Wave (Izzy D'Aquila), Matchday 5 - NWSL 2024, Providence Park, Portland (July 5, 2024).

4 matches in the NWSL Challenge Cup (West Division):

- - Wave 0-1 Thorns (Sophia Smith), Torero Stadium, San Diego (March 26, 2022).
- - Thorns 3-2 Wave (Sophia Smith and Hina Sugita x2; Belle Briede and Taylor Flint), Providence Park, Portland (April 17, 2022).
- - Wave 1-0 Thorns (Meaghan Nally own goal), Snapdragon Stadium, San Diego (April 19, 2023).
- - Thorns 4-1 Wave (Hannah Betfort x2, Morgan Weaver, and Reyna Reyes; Taylor Flint), Providence Park, Portland (July 21, 2023).



SAN DIEGO WAVE (USA)

San Diego Wave Football Club defeated Santa Fe 2-0 in their Group B debut, with goals from María Sánchez and Kristen McNabb at the Rommel Fernández Stadium, Panama City, on August 20, 2024.

The 2023 NWSL Shield champions will next face the Portland Thorns, the team they have faced the third most times in their history (10 times).

San Diego Wave had 56% ball possession against Santa Fe, completing 297 passes with an accuracy of 88%, made 11 shots in the first 90 minutes of play, and scored 2 goals (1 header).

Scorers: María Sánchez (USA) 1, Kristen McNabb (USA).

Assists: Hanna Lundkvist (SWE) 1.

Debuting in the CWCC 2024-25: Kailen Sheridan, Christen Westphal, Kennedy Wesley, Melanie Barcenas, Emily van Egmond, Sofia Jakobsson, Alex Morgan, Makenzy Doniak, Amirah Ali, Mya Jones, Elyse Bennett, Hanna Lundkvist, María Sánchez, Kristen McNabb.

Saves: 1. **Goalkeeper:** Kailen Sheridan (CAN) 1.

How the goals were scored: From play (1), Header (1).

Goal-scoring opportunities: 11. Shots on target: 4.

Fastest goal: María Sánchez (vs. Santa Fe): 1 MIN 22 SEC.

Highlighted players:

- **María Sánchez (USA):** Scored the first goal for San Diego Wave in the history of the CWCC 2024-25 (vs. Santa Fe). The midfielder made 4 shots in that match.

- **Alex Morgan (USA):** The team captain completed 95% of her passes in her last club international game. She scored 4 goals in the 13 matches faced against Portland Thorns (2018, 2021, 2022, and 2023).

- **Kristen McNabb (USA):** Scored the second goal for Wave in the debut against Santa Fe and was the player with the most ball recoveries in the match (5). Achieved 90% accuracy in passes (28 effective touches).



PORTLAND THORNS (USA)

Portland Thorns Football Club debuted with a 3-1 victory over Club América in Group B, with goals from Christine Sinclair (2) and Reilyn Turner; Irene Guerrero scored for Club América at Providence Park, Portland (September 4, 2024).

Portland Thorns have not been able to win in their last three away games against San Diego Wave (2 losses, 1 draw). Their last victory was 1-0 (Sophie Smith) in the NWSL Challenge Cup 2022.

The three-time champions of the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) had a 43% shooting accuracy against Club América, scoring 3 goals, with 2 shots on target and 2 off-target.

Scorers: Christine Sinclair (CAN) 2, Reilyn Turner (USA) 1.

Assists: Olivia Moultrie (USA) 1, Marie Müller (GER).

Debuts in the CWCC 2024-25: Mackenzie Arnold, Christine Sinclair, Reilyn Turner, Marie Müller, Olivia Moultrie, Isabella Obaze, Meghan Klingenberg, Sam Coffey, Olivia Wade-Katoa, Isabella D'Aquila, Mallie McKenzie, Jessie Fleming, Sophie Hirst, Marissa Sheva, Payton Linnehan.

Saves: 1. **Goalkeeper:** Mackenzie Arnold (AUS) 1.

How the goals were scored: From play (2), Header (1).

Goal-scoring situations: 7. Shots on target: 2.

Fastest goal: Christine Sinclair (vs. Club América): 12 MIN 32 SEC.

Highlighted players:

- **Christine Sinclair (CAN):** Scored two goals and made three attempts in the debut against Club América. She scored one goal in her previous 9 matches against San Diego Wave (2022).

- **Sophia Smith (USA):** The forward has faced San Diego Wave eight times in her career, scoring 3 goals in her first 3 matches in 2022 (50%-win rate).

- **Meghan Klingenberg (USA):** Led the team in passes (41) and ball recoveries (3) in the debut against Club América.