



# **GEORGIA SOCCER**



# **2015 NATIONAL SIGNING DAY**



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## SIGNING DAY OVERVIEW

### LESESNE SIGNS FIVE IN FIRST RECRUITING CLASS



**ATHENS, Ga.** --- Just one day after national signing day, University of Georgia soccer head coach Billy Lesesne announced on Thursday the addition of five new players that signed their letters of intent to join the team for the fall of 2015.

Lesesne's inaugural signing class at Georgia looks to add more balance to the Bulldogs' existing roster, bringing in two new defenders in Anna Bougas (Grayson, Ga./GSA) and Maya Cherry (Bethesda, Md./Potomac Hotspur). The class is rounded out by forward Clara Gastaldi (Suwanee, Ga./Concorde Fire SC), goalkeeper Hannah Goudy (Cumming, Ga./GSA) and midfielder Sydney Shultis (McDonough, Ga./GSA).

"I'm excited with the five commitments that are coming in," Lesesne said of his first class of signees at Georgia. "I think they give us some added versatility and they can play in different positions. We have a lot of returning players on the offensive side of the field and this recruiting class gives us a goalkeeper and some good defensive players. Gastaldi also gives us another good attacking option. There is a good balance in this class."

The Bulldogs lost just two seniors from a year ago in midfielder Laura Eddy and defender Carli Shultis. With the departure of one Shultis, comes the arrival of another in the form of Sydney, Carli's younger sister, who is the lone midfielder in Georgia's 2015 signing class.

This year's class consists almost entirely of players hailing from the state of Georgia, with four out of five signees calling the Peach State home. In fact, the lone out-of-state signee, Maya Cherry, is originally from Georgia and only recently moved to Maryland to finish up her high school career.

Georgia relied heavily on its freshmen in 2014 with 11 rookie position players seeing significant playing time and six combining for 48 starts on the year. Seven of the newcomers saw action in 14 or more games, including goalkeeper Louise Hogrell who started all 20 games in goal for the Bulldogs, and Kelsey Killeen who appeared in all 20 games and was named to the SEC's All-Freshman team.

The five new additions will join a young Bulldog squad consisting of 5 juniors, 12 sophomores and 16 freshmen from 2014.

### 2015 GEORGIA SIGNING CLASS

NAME	POS.	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL	CLUB
Anna Bougas	D	Grayson, Ga.	Providence Christian	GSA
Maya Cherry	D	Bethesda, Md.	Bethesda-Chevy Chase	Potomac Hotspur
Clara Gastaldi	F/M	Suwanee, Ga.	Marist	Concorde Fire SC
Hannah Goudy	GK	Cumming, Ga.	South Forsyth	GSA
Sydney Shultis	M	McDonough, Ga.	Ola High	GSA

### RETURNING ROSTER BREAKDOWN

#### BY POSITION

Goalkeeper .....	3
Defenders .....	8
Midfielders.....	11
Forwards .....	10

#### BY CLASS

Seniors (lost) .....	2
Juniors .....	5
Sophomres .....	12
Freshmen .....	16

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### ANNA BOUGAS

Defender - Grayson, Ga. - Providence Christian - GSA

**High School:**

Athlete Of The Year in 2014 ... All County in 2013 ... Regional All-Star Team in 2013 ... Named team's best offensive player during her junior season ... All-Region in 2012 ... Named team's MVP her sophomore season in 2012 ... Made the U-18 National Championships ... Invited to train with the National team in 2012 ... Regional Olympic Development team in 2011 ... ECNL U-15 A flight 2011-12 ... U-14 Georgia State Cup Champion in 2011 ... Region III Premier League East Champion in 2011 ... Disney U-14 Finalist in 2010 ... CASL U-15 Champions in 2010 ... Atlanta Cup U-14 Champions and Georgia State Cup U-13 Champions in 2010.

**Lesesne on Bougas:** "Anna played her club ball at GSA and played outside there, but for her high school she mainly played attacking midfield so she has some versatility as far as her ability to get forward out of the back. and we think she can really help us that way."



### MAYA CHERRY

Defender - Bethesda, Md. - Bethesda-Chevy Chase - Potomac Hotspur

**High School:**

Named team captain for her senior season ... All-Region player in 2014 ... Named Player of the Month for the first month of her senior season at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School ... Recognized by the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity in Montgomery, Maryland with the Paul Roberson Achievement Award (Versatility Award) which honors students who show versatility in academics, arts, athletics, character and community service ... Attended Walton High School prior to moving to Bethesda ... One of 20 students recognized with the Raider Pride Award which is given to those demonstrating unyielding integrity and outstanding school pride.

**Lesesne on Cherry:** "Maya Cherry grew up and played her formative years in the Atlanta area for the NASA program, but for the last year had moved with her mother to Maryland where she played for the Potomac Hotspur team. She's pretty athletic at 5'10. She's plays center back or outside back."



### CLARA GASTALDI

Attacking Midfielder - Suwanee, Ga. - Marist - Concorde Fire SC

**High School:**

Made Argentina's U-20 National Team at age 16 in 2013 ... USL SuperY ODP National Team A in 2012 ... Attended the USL SuperY ODP National Camp in Bradenton, Florida in 2012 ... Participated in 10 events at USSF National Training Centers from 2011-13 ... Attended the US ODP 97 Regional Training Camps from 2010-12 ... Named to the US ODP 97 Region III Team in 2011-12 ... GHSA All-Star as a sophomore in 2013 ... GHSA All-Star Match MVP ... Has made Dean's List in all four years at Marist ... Member of the National Honor Society and French Honor Society ... Recipient of the Seat of Wisdom Award for Leadership, Knowledge and Creativity in 2011.

**Lesesne on Gastaldi:** "Clara headlines the class. She has represented Argentina at the U-20 level and she's been a very good player for the Concorde program. I think she's a midfield player who has special attacking qualities. She's a good dribbler and likes to take players on off the dribble. She's good in 1v1 situations. "



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### HANNAH GOUDY

Goalkeeper - Cumming, Ga. - South Forsyth - GSA

**High School:**

Four year varsity player and three year starter at South Forsyth ... First team All-Region and All-County teams, named team's best defensive player helping South Forsyth reach the playoffs ... All-County in 2013, given the Coaches War Eagle Award, helped South Forsyth reach the State Final Four ... 2012 recipient of the Coaches War Eagle Award ... Played on the ECNL Southeast Conference Championship team at GSA for 2014-15 season, qualified for the U-18 National Championships ... Finished seventh overall out of 64 teams at the ECNL National Championships ... ECNL Southeast Conference Champions 2013-14 ... Member of the National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society and German National Honor Society while at South Forsyth ... Awarded the Certificate of Honor for U.S. History and American Literature in 2014.

**Lesesne on Goudy:** "Hannah gives us the opportunity to bring in another goalkeeper to our program. We have three relatively young goalkeepers and adding her to the mix is going to be helpful. She has very good distribution both with hands and feet and she's a good, solid shot stopper as well."



### SYDNEY SHULTIS

Midfielder - McDonough, Ga. - Ola High School - GSA

**High School:**

Invited to attend the Nike I.D. National Training Center for her junior and sophomore seasons ... Attended the Elite Club National League Player Development Program for her junior and sophomore seasons ... Named team captain for the U-17 Concorde Fire club team ... Named Captain for the U-16 Concorde Fire club team ... Attended four U.S. training centers during her sophomore year ... attended three U.S. training centers during her freshman year at Ola ... sister of recent University of Georgia graduate and soccer player Carli Shultis.

**Lesesne on Shultis:** "Sydney follows in her sister's footsteps and also played for GSA club team for Campbell Chapman. She is a very physical player. She's strong on the tackle and is good in the air. She has good passing range. We're looking at her as kind of a defensive midfield type option. She's good at destroying the other team's attack but she's also constructive and can connect passes and build going forward. I think she's a player that can have some pretty immediate impact in the program."

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## 2015 CLASS BREAKDOWN

