



## NEAVE ROSS (CB/RB)

PLAYER SUMMARY AND CLUB EXPERIENCE			
<p>Neave is a RB or CB that plays for Ponteland United Women from September 2021 (Adult, Women, Amateur side). Neave also plays for Ponteland United U18 Crusaders. Prior to the 2021/22 season, Neave played for Whitley Bay Sporting Club. Neave is comfortable using both feet and is very fast. Her strengths are passing, tackling, positional awareness, her pace, and intelligence (reading the game). Neave has a strong drive and is competitive and motivated, despite her calmness. She is a ball playing defender who works hard to win the ball back. Neave is a strong motivator and communicator, and absolutely selfless team player. Highly intelligent academically, Neave is a great find for coaches looking for the balance between outstanding academics and soccer technique and ability.</p>			
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PERSONAL DETAILS			
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<b>HEIGHT</b>	5 ft 7	<b>IG</b>	@n.ross2
<b>WEIGHT</b>	121.4 lbs	<b>TWITTER</b>	@nr3845
<b>BIRTHDAY</b>	April-25-2005	<b>AGENT</b>	No
<b>FATHER</b>	Philip	<b>MOTHER</b>	Sarah
<b>NATIONALITY</b>	British	<b>OTHER</b>	N/A
EDUCATION			
<b>ANTICIPATED ELIGIBILITY</b>	NCAA Division I II & III; NAIA; NJCAA		
<b>APPROX USA GPA</b>	<b>ACT SCORE</b>	<b>OTHER</b>	
<b>3.89</b>	<b>COMPOSITE 30</b> Math 30 / Science 30 / English 30 / Reading 31		

<b>GENERAL EDUCATION (to 16)</b> <b>GCSE LEVEL</b> Valley Gardens MS 2014- 18; Whitley Bay HS 2018- 21	Business 9 / Combined Science 9-9 / English Literature 9 / Geography 9 / Mathematics 9 / Physical Education 9 / English Language 8 / German 7
<b>GENERAL EDUCATION (to 18)</b> Whitley Bay HS XI to '23	Predicted Grades: Economics A / Geography A / Physical Education A / Finance A. Effectively, USA 4.0.

#### FURTHER NOTES

**Strengths:** Crossing / Passing / Tackling / Positional Awareness / Pace / Reading of the game  
**Coach descriptions:** determined / hard-working / keen to listen and learn / focused  
**Other:** Tuition can pay up to an absolute maximum \$15,000 / Study Geography or related

#### SCHOLARSHIP CONNECT TALENT ID REPORT (FA QUALIFIED)

##### 12/03/22 3G Pitch

I had a brief chat with Neave prior to the game and she was polite, respectful and excited for the game ahead, she proceeded to warm up in a professional manner using both feet to control and pass the ball, make space and have good head movement during the passing drill. During the attacking drill she controlled the ball with her right foot took a quick look at goal and had a good clean hit which she kept low by getting her head over the ball and driving through it with her laces and to the keeper's credit she made a good save. Neave started as the left central defender in a back 4 against a front 2 which turned into a 1 man attack once Ponteland went 1 up. For being younger than the majority of the players Neave physically is of similar stature in height and body composition and she had to use all her attributes during this game. First Half – Neave's first contribution was winning a header near halfway, the ball hung up in the wind and she showed strength to hold off a bigger opponent. Neave was incredibly comfortable on the ball which was evident throughout the game by completing all but 1 pass, Neave made 2 surging runs in the first half leading to 1 goal and 1 chance created, Neave only made 1 long 'clear the lines' clearance which got her side out of trouble and let the team regroup. Twice during the FH a ball was played over the left backs head and Neave made it across to stand up the attacker and allow her fullback to get back, she never dove in and showed a good level of positioning sense and situational awareness. Second Half - This was tricky for the backline with the opponents having the wind they tried more longer balls, often the ball over the top meant Neave had to turn and track back which she did quickly. Neave made 2 more surging runs similar to the first half and again began the attack that led to a goal and a chance. Ponteland played out from the back Neave received the ball on the 'D' and as turning had 2 attackers coming at her, she calmly dragged the ball back with her left foot and sprayed a lovely ball to the fullback. Ponteland changed shape and Neave moved to play left of a back 3, during this position Ponteland didn't come under any threat and the back 3 stuck to and understanding of where to move to when one of them pushed forward. **VISION** – Neave's head is constantly moving always looking for where the opponents are, where her teammates are or where she should pass to, as a result I did not see Neave out of position or look flustered in any way. **POSITIONING** - As one of the centre back pair Neave and her partner had a great understanding, when Neave pushed forward or a ball was played over the top her partner would move central or sweep up after her and this was vice versa when Neave's partner pushed on, she understood to tell her fullbacks when to drop back and tuck in and was disciplined throughout which when winning so comfortably can be hard. Neave would drop deeper to provide an option for her fullback, would pull wide for receiving a goal kick and had very good positioning awareness. **BALL CONTROL** - As was evident in the warm up Neave is a right footed player, however, she is comfortable controlling the ball with both feet and showed she can pass with her left. Neave opens her body and her first touch is with her instep cushioning the ball slightly ahead of her so her next motion is a pass, due to her good vision sense she looks incredibly relaxed and calm on the ball. **PASSING** - As previously mentioned Neave only failed to complete 1 pass which was a ball down the line that was blocked, other than that due to the gameplan of playing out from the back Neave played very

much a 2-touch game of control then pass to her central midfield, fullback or center back she passed with her instep with good pace and her passing was efficient and never put her side under pressure. Short passing with both feet was comfortable. The 1 time she didn't have a pass on or option to run she made the wise choice to clear her lines. **RUNNING WITH THE BALL** - A highlight to see Neave take off with the ball, she wasn't afraid to drive into the heart of Billingham and she went at them 4 times, twice she played the ball off and then the following pass led to a goal and twice in similar circumstances it created chances. Neave ran controlling the ball with predominantly the outside and inside of her right foot but also shifted the ball past people using her left, she used her strength to hold off defenders and ran at pace. This was incredibly impressive to see. **DEFENDING** - Neave and her partner had a good understanding and worked well but individually Neave did the basics right in winning her headers, passing it simple, covering her fullback and partner and talking to her other defenders. She was never in a position where she had to make a last ditch tackle and had good long distance pace to chase balls over the top. **TACTICAL UNDERSTANDING** - Neave along with her team are well drilled in what they do and clearly while having a very good coach also have a good understanding of tactics. Neave was in the correct positions and doing what was required but also exploiting the weakness in the opponents tactics with her running. Very good for a player of her age. **Conclusion:** Neave had a fantastic assured game, she didn't make mistakes did everything right for her role and delighted the spectators with 4 outstanding moments of running with the ball. Watching her play its evident she could comfortably play as a ball playing deep lying midfielder or with how she runs with the ball a good fullback/wingback, with how she got her head up quick, positioned her body and made the correct passes she is a player with a lot of potential.

**26/03/22. Positioning/Tactical Understanding** - Ponteland lined up with a back 4 with Neave as right central defender however when in control of the ball the Right Back would push high and Ponteland would move to a back 3 with Neave as the right sided defender of the 3, she understood both roles and was not caught out of position. **Tackling** - with the right back pushing on it did leave Ponteland short on the flanks, Neave on 2 occasions came across to make tackles by going to ground and preventing attacks, with shoulder to shoulder challenges Neave uses her body well to lean the opponent off the ball, she has long legs which she uses well to get herself between the opponent and the ball. **Heading** - Neave challenged for 3 headers winning 1, unsure if the overhead sun caused problems but she seemed apprehensive when going for the ball, an area to work on in terms of aggression, vision and technique when going for headed balls. **Ball Control** - Neave was exciting on the ball, controls the ball with either ft and her head is scanning the pitch, shifts the ball between both feet and made impactful runs from deep in her defence that relieved pressure on the backline, leans into opponents and shields the ball from them similar to how she uses her body for winning the ball. Very good from a player playing from the back. **Stamina** - Neave showed a great work ethic and dug deep in the heat, her side had no substitutes available, from the start to the end Neave made off the ball runs to support her midfield and showed no signs of fatigue deep in the second half when turning and chasing balls over the top. **Conclusion:** Neave had a relatively quiet game due to the dominance of her side, she kept focused and was alert throughout and when called upon did the basic things right. Neave is incredibly intelligent and comfortable on the ball and showed that throughout the game when under pressure from opponents, she doesn't make rash or risky decisions that would put her side in trouble. Her ability on the ball and stamina means she would be comfortable in a variety of positions.

### COACH REFERENCES

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To whom it may concern. It is with great pleasure that I write this reference for Neave Ross, who is looking to pursue both her academic studies and continue her football development in America through the scholarship program. I have known Neave for just over 3 years. Neave first impressed me during the trial process, where she was successful in being selected to represent Northumberland Schools. My relationship with Neave was as her football coach for the 2019/20 season while she played for me in both the Northern Counties and the national competition representing our county of Northumberland. During this period, Neave impressed me both on and

off the pitch where I experienced an individual who always arrived early, conducted herself in a polite and respectable manner at all times and was very engaged when interacting with staff, teammates and officials. Neave was a pleasure to coach, a very good active listener and always responded very well to constructive criticism and advice and always happy to reflect herself on areas to improve. On the pitch, Neave showed great determination and desire to compete whether in training or games and always strived to deliver her best performance in any circumstance. Neave has shown herself to be trustworthy, dependable and level headed and I'm confident if she continues to apply herself in the manner she has done previously she'd be an asset to the squad both on and off the pitch.

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My name is Colin Brooks and I currently coach Neave Ross at Ponteland United FC Ladies Team. I am also head of the girl development and have coached girls who have gone on to play at a high level. I have been aware of Neave for a number of years, watching her play in the County team or when competing against her teams in the past and she is without doubt someone I have always wanted the opportunity to coach and have in my team, not only from what I had observed but what I had also heard from others about her attitude and desire to learn. Neave plays as a centre back or left/right back for the U18 Girls who play in the Premier Northern Division. The team remains unbeaten for the last 4 years and players are of a very good standard, and Neave has quickly settled into the team and made positions her own which is down to her playing ability, positive attitude, and willingness to give everything she has. In addition, Neave was part of a team who played against a number of academy teams including Hibernian, Sunderland and Teesside, and her performances were outstanding. Neave is a real pleasure to coach with her impeccable behaviour, outstanding attitude, punctuality and appetite to learn and watching her develop excites me, as I believe her potential will grow as she develops physically and technically, alongside her tactical understanding. Neave also plays for Ponteland Ladies and because of her versatility plays in either midfield or defence. Her pace, skill, tenacity and ability on the ball has ensured she is a key player for the team, and I must mention that she is one of the youngest players. Neave is continuing to develop herself into a confident and technically competent young player. Her ability with the ball allows her to produce a great array of passing, short or long, with real accuracy, be it on the counter attack or to create a switch of play. Her confidence is evident by the way she can play a pass with either foot allowing her to play quickly or deceive the opposition. Neave can strike the ball firmly, enabling her to shoot from distance, which has also resulted in some great goals. When defending, Neave shows a real desire to want the ball which enables her to break up play and win back possession with good defending techniques and understanding when to show the players inside or out. She is prepared to show her physical strength to shield and stay on the ball or to challenge for the ball using her head, which is an area Neave is aware needs development. Neave reads the game very well and with her movement ensures the team is always secure, be it sliding across, screening the forward pass or simply covering her teammates. A real asset of Neave's is her speed, which allows her to run with the ball and cover lots of ground in attack but again to help the team defend. She is an intelligent player, always looking to play forward as quickly as possible. Although one of the youngest players, Neave possesses great speed and athleticism and is comfortable running with the ball at pace and can also change direction quickly. With good core strength, she is able to maintain balance and hold off pressure from opposition players. Neave has shown good endurance, she has the ability to cover lots of ground by getting forward to help the attack and with her recovery runs when defending. Neave is the type of player who will leave everything on the field of play and her performances are consistently outstanding. This is a corner of Neave's game that I have no doubt will develop even more as she grows and matures physically and mentally. Neave has an excellent positive and competitive attitude and is able to deal with and respond to negative moments within the game with real commitment and determination. Her decision making has improved greatly, and she is able to contribute and combine to play quickly and purposefully with teammates. Neave's football is kept simple but very effective which allows her to be creative – running with/staying on the ball or playing a long killer pass etc. Neave continues to make great decisions during games which I suggest is down to her concentration, observation and listening skills to help her better understand what is going on in the game. She is a player who is very committed and never misses training, giving 110%. Neave is quick to offer encouragement and support to her teammates on and off the ball. However, she needs to have the confidence to believe in her own ability, which will then allow her communication on the pitch to grow so she can help make an even bigger impact for her team and on the game itself. Neave is a pleasant young lady who I believe is well liked and respected by her teammates and the coaching staff, which is due to her nature and the effort she shows on the pitch, not wanting to let anyone down. Neave is great to coach as if she doesn't understand she is prepared

to ask questions and will ask for feedback during and after games wanting to continuously develop her own ability, technique and understanding of her role within the team and the game. Her behaviour is always impeccable, and she has a willingness to help set up and clear up during sessions and games. My understanding is that Neave would like to attend university at the same time as developing her football, which will only go to accelerate her ability when training and playing 3/4/5 times a week.

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I am writing this letter to express my support for Neave Ross and her application for a scholarship at your college or university. I have had the pleasure of coaching and managing Neave Ross at Ponteland United Ladies for the past season where I am manager and coach of the senior women's team. During my time of coaching and managing Neave I have experienced a young individual with keenness to learn and massive potential to play at a high level within the women's game. Neave has incredible technique, ball mastery and control. She has the ability to collect, control and manipulate the ball with both feet, chest, and head. She can dribble and run with the ball at her feet with ease and has exceptional body movement, balance, and co-ordination. Neave is full of ambition and drive with an appetite and hunger to succeed. The mindset traits I see in Neave are essential qualities in a footballer to push their development and take them to the top of their game. Neave is self-motivated and always asking if she is doing things right and how she can improve. She takes full responsibility for her role on the pitch and although football is a team game, Neave makes sure she does her task at hand as well as helping others do theirs where and when called upon without a moment of hesitation. Neave has stepped up from junior football this season to senior women's football and has managed the transition in her stride. She has coped with the physical side of the women's game with ease with her athletic, fast and youthful qualities giving her a massive advantage over her slightly older opposition. Neave has extremely good spatial awareness. She can visualise players and movement around her which allows her to react quickly and make the correct decision before they happen. Off the ball Neave constantly scans the pitch so when the ball is played into her, she is in the best position possible to formulate an attack, hold up possession or without the ball defend and avert danger. One of Neave's best qualities is that she is a team player. She is never negative and encourages other players in the correct manner to get the best out of them. She is a very popular player within the team and club. Neave is a true advocate of the saying "Together Everyone Achieves More" and helps bring the team together with her pleasant nature and positivity. Neave is in very good athletic shape. She has good agility, balance, and co-ordination. Her body size to strength ratio is superb which allows her to be quick as well as strong on the ball. Neave carries very little excess weight which assists with her fantastic stamina. Neave predominantly plays as a modern-day wing back or centre back for our ladies' team. When playing with an attacking game plan where we want to overload the opposition with quick transitions from defence into attack, we play Neave at left back. We do this as Neave has the right qualities for this role as she is very well disciplined in knowing when to hold her position and defend and when to transition to attack acting as an overlapping winger. Neave has the energy, pace, and stamina to do the box to box running of a modern day left back which a lot of players do not. Neave phenomenally stands out when playing this position as she can influence the game so dramatically, giving us the overload in attack or numbers in defence with her ability to get up and down the pitch with speed effortlessly. Just recently she won player of the match in the Women's Senior League Cup final we have just won. This was voted by an independent committee from the league watching the game. When we are playing a more defensive game, we move Neave to centre back. We do this as Neave is very good at reading the game, is strong at holding off quick centre forwards trying to force their way through and is a good aerial presence. One of her strongest attributes is her speed. She has not been beaten for speed this season and has played against several established ladies' teams/players at senior level along with several top academy teams in the area at U18s. Her first season at ladies' football has helped Ponteland United Ladies win the league and cup. With Neave in defence as one of our key defensive players, we have only conceded 2 goals in open play in all competitions. Neave's punctuality, time keeping, and attendance is 100%. Neave is never late for training or games and always turns up with the correct kit. Neave comes from a stable home background which gives her the foundations for good character and family support. I have coached and managed football for 8 years from U12s through to senior level in both the male and female game. I have coached and managed many players and without reservation have no hesitation at recommending Neave as a candidate for your college or university, with Neave being one of the best players I have coached and managed over the many years I have been involved in football.