Girls Soccer Network Relaunches The BIG LIFE Podcast with Two New Hosts for Season 4



Los Angeles, California Jul 24, 2025 (<u>Issuewire.com</u>**)** - <u>Girls Soccer Network</u> (GSN) is proud to announce the return of its hit women's college soccer podcast <u>The BIG LIFE</u> for a fourth season — with two exciting new voices at the mic.

This season, fans will be guided through the chaos, beauty, and intensity of women's college soccer by *Leah Klenke* of Notre Dame and *Kate Phillips* of the University of Missouri. Together, they bring a fresh perspective, raw honesty, and next-gen energy to the show that's become a staple for players and fans alike.

After three successful seasons with hosts Sam Cary Angel and Jordyn Wickes, GSN is bringing *The BIG LIFE* podcast back. Sam, a former defender at the University of Iowa who now plays for the Chicago Stars, and Jordyn, who played at Michigan State, both repped the Big Ten with pride and helped build the show's audience from the ground up. Now, the show will explore a new era with hosts from the ACC and SEC, expanding ots reach — and voice — to represent more of the diverse college soccer landscape.

Leah Klenke, a standout senior midfielder and captain for the Irish, was named First Team All-ACC and Academic All-American in 2024. She helped lead the U.S. to a bronze medal at the FIFA U20 Women's World Cup in Colombia and hopes to continue her soccer journey professionally after graduation. Known for her leadership, humility, and strong faith, Leah is passionate about sharing her story to inspire younger players navigating their own dreams.

Kate Phillips is a junior goalkeeper at Mizzou and a rising voice in the sports world as a journalism major. With deep roots in Midwest soccer, she brings a down-to-earth vibe, a competitive edge, and a natural curiosity that makes her a perfect co-host. Whether she's diving for saves or leading podcast interviews, Kate knows how to bring heart and humor to every conversation.

Each episode of *The BIG LIFE* will explore the highs and lows of playing Division I soccer — from preseason grind and mid-season mental fatigue to locker room dynamics, NIL deals, faith, friendships, and the reality of life after the final whistle.

"We created <u>The BIG LIFE</u> because there's no other podcast that captures the real, lived experience of college soccer like this," said GSN Founder Jennifer Gruskoff. "And this season, with Leah and Kate leading the way, we're going to get a fresh take on the ups, the downs the drama and deep commitment it takes to play at this level."

The seasonal offering, which runs throughout the college soccer season, drops its first episode Thursday, July 24th.

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