



**What is your role with KYSA?**

*Emma:* I am playing on the Kamloops Blaze U-12 Girls Team White.

*Grace:* I am currently playing on the Kamloops Blaze U-11 Girls Team White.

**How long have you been involved with KYSA?**

*Emma:* I have been playing KYSA soccer since I was 5 years old and in Kindergarten.

*Grace:* I have been with KYSA since I was 4 years old. I think I was also in Kindergarten.

**Why did you become part of KYSA?**

*Emma:* I grew up around soccer and loved it from the beginning. Both my mom and dad played for KYSA when they were younger and played in the women's and men's leagues as well. Plus, soccer is in my blood, ha ha. We are Italian!

*Grace:* I loved soccer so much from the very beginning! I saw my parents and Emma play too. I jumped when I was told I could try out to be part of a more competitive team. I love the feeling I get when I am on the soccer field.

**What is your favorite soccer-related memory?**

*Emma:* Having my dad coach my house soccer team for six years. He really taught me how to grow as a soccer player and helped me get here to rep soccer. He always reminds me to believe in myself.

*Grace:* My favorite memory is from last year. I was watching Emma play with her U-11 team in Vernon and a player got hurt. They needed a player and I was asked to put on Emma's extra soccer clothing and cleats and play. It was so much fun playing with my sister. I also got an assist!

**What is your favorite soccer team?**

*Emma:* Juventus, my Nonno's favorite team.

*Grace:* TRU Wolfpack. My goal is to play for them one day.

**What do you love about Kamloops?**

*Emma:* I love the community feel and there is a lot to do outside. I am able to be active all year round.

*Grace:* I think Kamloops is beautiful and my very close family lives here. I also love going to the lakes that are close by and camping.

**Where would you like to go on a dream vacation?**

*Emma:* Calabria, Italy. That is where my great-grandpa and many relatives still live.

*Grace:* Italy. I also want to see my Nonno Antonio and my family.