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## HAYLEY RASO BIOGRAPHY

Born 5 September 1994 on the Gold Coast, Queensland.

Westfield Matilda since 2012.

Currently playing for Everton in the English FA WSL.

Hayley commenced her professional football career with Canberra United in 2011 and was part of the team that won the Westfield W-League premiership in 2011-12.

She then joined Brisbane Roar in 2013 and since has played for Washington Spirit and Portland Thorns in the US National Women's Soccer League. During this time Hayley was on loan to Melbourne Victory and Canberra United and in 2017 returned to Brisbane Roar.

In 2018 while playing for Portland Thorns, Hayley fractured 3 vertebrae in her back leaving her unsure if she will walk again. After extensive rehabilitation, Hayley returned 6 months later to represent Australia in the 2019 Cup of Nations.

Hayley has represented Australia in 2015 FIFA World Cup, 2018 AFC Asian Cup, 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup as well 2020 Women's Olympic Qualifiers.

Making her Olympic debut in Tokyo 2020 for the Matildas, Hayley's skills and determination earned her Player Of The Match for the semi-final game against Sweden.

When she runs onto the pitch, she always has her family with her. Her grandmother makes ribbons for her to wear in all her matches. Due to this she has been anointed the nickname 'ribbons' by her supporters!

Off the pitch, Hayley is currently studying to become a Paramedic and recently took on an Ambassadorship role with Heart Kids. A cause close to her heart after her brother Lachlan was diagnosed with congenital heart disease as a baby. Hayley hopes she can raise awareness and help other families battling the disease.

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