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In a room full of stars, Christen Press undeniably shined the brightest. There was a gravitational pull coming from her, whether by stares of admiration or a curiosity that prompted casual conversation. While most would recognize her on the soccer field by the number on her uniform, everyone on set knew the professional athlete by her aura—confidence, grace and profound strength.

When trying on different sporty outfits picked out by Stylist Sara Borgese and assisted by Kyle Kagamida and Gina Checchia, Press stood in front of the mirror with certainty and familiarity. She knew herself better than anyone, and when she sat down for hair and makeup, compliments only poured out from Hair Stylist Julia Savitskaya and Makeup Artist Ada Trinh for Press' sweet and down-to-earth personality.

During our interview, Press never turned her attention away even though Savitskaya and Trinh danced around us to get her ready for the photoshoot. Press' unwavering, magnetic, green eyes held me in place; not once did she hesitate with her words or her thoughts. Her focus was palpable, and throughout our conversation, it's no wonder so many people

were allured by her presence. Intelligent, well-spoken and sincere, Press was that humble, all-around friend that you'd want to keep in your life forever.

Each outfit came from an athlete's dream wardrobe—Nike shoes, sports bras, workout pants and a tropical tracksuit—and each look was paired with a different monochromatic backdrop. For the first look, Press had her hair down and wore a uniform, holding a soccer ball comfortably against her hip. The second look offered more edge with an athletic jacket hanging off one shoulder. Savitskaya created two different ponytail 'dos for the last two looks, bringing out Trinh's natural-inspired makeup. Photographer Travis McCoy praised Press for her professional and calm demeanor, and in between shots, Press couldn't help but break out a smile from the compliments.

All the while, pop music played in the background, and even though the studio was small, the intimacy only amplified. As Kagamida fixed Press' outfits with precision, she appeared as flawless as she was comfortable. Despite being on a tight schedule, by the end of the shoot, Press snuck in some shots outside the studio with McCoy before snapping a picture with me and smiling as though nothing could stop her. ■

THE TEAM



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