

What They're Saying

"Bob can put 11 players on the field as well as anyone and get the best out of them. I will tell you now: We are not winning the World Cup in 2014, whoever is in charge. People need to be realistic. The best thing [the critics] can do is shut up. A bunch of people get on the Internet and start stirring things up and it snowballs. Just let him do his job."

-- **Bruce Arena** on **Bob Bradley**, who succeeded Arena four years ago as U.S. national team coach and had his contract renewed for another four years. ([Yahoo!Sports](#))

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[MLS teams' crowded schedule can cut both ways](#)

by **Ridge Mahoney**

[MLS] The most critical stretch of league play dovetails with the Concacaf Champions League, which will stretch its four MLS representative with group games in August and September. So far, the increased load of games isn't affecting the league form of a few teams, including the surging Seattle Sounders. - [Read the whole story...](#)

[American Soccer Scoreboard: Thursday](#)

by **Soccer America**

With a sellout crowd of 15,418 on hand at Thursday night's final home game, the D-2 Pro League's Portland Timbers set a club record for regular-season attendance with 155,006 fans over 15 games, an average of 10,334 per game. The Timbers' 1-0 win over Puerto Rico was the last game at PGE Park before it undergoes renovations in preparation for the 2011 MLS season. For the weekend schedule ... - [Read the whole story...](#)

[Vancouver retains Thordarson as head coach](#)

by **Paul Kennedy**

[MLS] The Vancouver Whitecaps have given their Icelandic coach, **Teitur Thordarson**, a multi-year contract extension, meaning he will be in charge when they join MLS next season. - [Read the whole story...](#)

[MLS jersey sponsorship deals](#)

by **Soccer America**

[MAKING A LIST] The expansion Portland Timbers have signed Alaska Airlines as their jersey sponsor for their 2011 Major League Soccer debut. The contract leaves all but five of the 18 2011 teams with jersey sponsorship deals. - [Read the whole story...](#)

[Five on the comeback trail](#)

by **Paul Kennedy**

[EURO 2010] Qualifying for Euro 2012 begins on Friday, and several major national teams have recalled



stars who missed the 2010 World Cup. Here's a look at five players on the comeback trail ... - [Read the whole story...](#)

Welcome to Big Friday

by Paul Kennedy

[TELEVISION WATCH] Soccer fans will have to get used to new viewing days as Friday's opening day of play in Euro 2010 qualifying marks the new Tuesday-Friday days for international matches during double-fixtures windows. The new Tuesday game days are intended to allow players to get home to their clubs a day earlier, and the Friday game days then keep three days of rest between international matches. For viewing information on Friday's 15 games available for viewing ... - [Read the whole story...](#)

Saha's secret knee remedy: leeches

by Soccer America

[OFF THE POST] Everton striker **Louis Saha** has worked his way back on the French national team after a four-year absence, and he revealed the secret to his return to fitness: leeches. - [Read the whole story...](#)

Soccer America Men's Top 25 Scoreboard

by Soccer America

[COLLEGE] Four men's Top 25 clashes are on tap for Friday, including the showdown between No. 1 Akron and No. 2 North Carolina at the Carolina Nike Classic. No. 4 Maryland hosts #23 Michigan State, No. 8 Duke faces No. 20 Louisville at the Duke Adidas Classic, and No. 11 UCLA meets No. 18 Notre Dame at the adidas/IU Credit Union Classic. For all the Top 25 action ... - [Read the whole story...](#)

Soccer America Women's Top 25 Scoreboard

by Soccer America

[COLLEGE] No. 22 Duke scored five goals in the first 22 minutes and went on to beat Francis Marion on Thursday. Intersectional rivals Notre Dame and Santa Clara meet Friday in the week's big clash at the Inn at Saint Mary's Classic. For all the Top 25 action ... - [Read the whole story...](#)

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