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U.S. SOCCER AND BOB BRADLEY AGREE CONTRACT EXTENSION: U.S. Soccer [has agreed to a contract extension with U.S. Men's National Team head coach Bob Bradley](#). The agreement with Bradley, who guided the U.S. team to numerous achievements including finishing in first place in their group at the 2010 FIFA World Cup for the first time in 80 years, will keep him at the helm through the end of 2014. The 52-year-old Bradley has compiled a record of 38-20-8 in four years in charge of the U.S. team. After winning the 2007 Gold Cup, the regional championship of CONCACAF, he led the United States to their first final of a major FIFA tournament, reaching the championship match of the 2009 Confederations Cup after a 2-0 victory against No.-1 ranked and current World Cup champions Spain in the semifinal.

USA BID COMMITTEE SET TO HOST FIFA DELEGATION FOR TOUR OF FIVE U.S. CITIES: The campaign for the United States to be selected as host of the FIFA World Cup in 2018 or 2022 will move to the next phase for the USA Bid Committee when [the FIFA Inspection Delegation visits the U.S. next week](#), Monday, Sept. 6, to Thursday, Sept. 9. The six-person delegation will arrive in New York City on Monday, Sept. 6, ahead of a three-day visit of five U.S. cities representing the 18 candidate host cities of the United States bid – New York/New Jersey, Washington, D.C., Miami, Dallas and Houston. During this important tour, the FIFA Inspection Delegation will have the opportunity to experience firsthand some of the U.S. bid's proposed stadiums, training sites, FIFA Fan Fest venues, transportation, hotels, media facilities and much more.

U.S. MNT TO PLAY HOST TO COLOMBIA ON OCT. 12 AT PPL PARK IN CHESTER, PA.: The U.S. Men's National Team [will host South American rivals Colombia on Oct. 12](#) at PPL Park in Chester, Pa. Kickoff for the USA's first match on the Chester waterfront is set for 8 p.m. ET, and the match will be broadcast live on ESPN2 and Galavision. Fans can also follow along on ussoccer.com's MatchTracker and twitter.com/ussoccer. [Tickets starting at \\$30 go on sale to the public Friday, Sept. 3](#), at 12 p.m. ET through ussoccer.com, by phone at 1-800-298-4200 and at the PPL Park ticket office (open Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

U.S. MNT TO FACE POLAND AT CHICAGO'S SOLDIER FIELD ON OCT. 9: The U.S. Men's National Team [will face Poland on Oct. 9 in Chicago](#), the home of the U.S. Soccer Federation. Kickoff at Soldier Field is set for 7 p.m. CT, and the match will be broadcast live on Fox Soccer Channel and Galavision. Fans can also follow along on ussoccer.com's MatchTracker and twitter.com/ussoccer. After an 11-year absence from Chicago, the U.S. will now be playing its sixth match at Soldier Field since 2004, having hosted the semifinal and the sold-out final of the 2007 Gold Cup in which 60,000 fans saw the United States defeat Mexico 2-1 to secure its second-consecutive Gold Cup title. [Tickets starting at \\$25 are on sale now through ussoccer.com](#), by phone at 1-800-745-3000 and at all Ticketmaster ticket centers throughout

Chicagoland (including Carson Pirie Scott and Walmart stores). [Note: Tickets are not sold at Soldier Field except on the day of the event.]

[U.S. Men's National Team 2010 Schedule](#)

ussoccer.com's MNT Coverage – Aug. 24 – Aug. 30

- **Tickets:** [USA vs. Poland](#) | [USA vs. Colombia](#)
- [MNT Blog](#) | [U.S. Soccer on Twitter](#) | [Studio 90 on Twitter](#)

U.S. WNT TO FACE CHINA TWICE IN OCTOBER PRIOR TO WORLD CUP

QUALIFYING: The U.S. Women's National Soccer Team [will face China twice in early October](#) in what will be the final matches for the U.S. team before it enters CONCACAF Qualifying for the 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup. The first match will take place at 6 p.m. ET on Oct. 2 at the Kennesaw State University Soccer Stadium, home to the Atlanta Beat of Women's Professional Soccer. The second leg will be contested at 7 p.m. ET on Oct. 6 at PPL Park in Chester, Pa., home to the MLS expansion Philadelphia Union. The match on the Chester waterfront will be broadcast live on ESPN2. The games will be the first for the USA at the soccer-specific venues, both of which opened this year. [Tickets for the USA's match against China in Atlanta](#) at Kennesaw State University are currently available through ussoccer.com or at the KSU Soccer Stadium box office (open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.). [Tickets for U.S. WNT's first visit to the brand new PPL Park](#) in Chester, Pa. start at \$18 and go on sale to the public this Friday at 10 a.m. ET through ussoccer.com, by phone at 1-800-298-4200 and at the PPL Park ticket office (open Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

ussoccer.com's WNT Coverage – Aug. 24 – Aug. 30

- **News:** [Groups and Venues Announced for Women's World Cup Qualifying](#)
- **Tickets:** [USA vs. China in Atlanta](#) | [USA vs. China in Philadelphia](#)
- [WNT Blog](#) | [WNT on Twitter](#)

POSSIBLE SITES FOR 2010 LAMAR HUNT U.S. OPEN CUP FINAL ANNOUNCED:

Three venues [have been named as potential sites](#) for the 2010 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup Final: Qwest Field in Seattle, Wash., RFK Stadium in Washington, D.C. and The Home Depot Center in Carson, Calif. The tournament semifinals take place Wednesday, Sept. 1, as D.C. United will host the Columbus Crew at 7:30 p.m. ET and Chivas USA will travel to face the Seattle Sounders at 7:30 p.m. PT. The results of the semifinals will determine the date and location of the tournament final, which will be televised live on Fox Soccer Channel.

ROCHESTER AND AUSTIN CLINCH PLAYOFF SPOTS AFTER WEEK 20 OF THE USSF D-2 PRO LEAGUE:

The [final week in August for the USSF D-2 Pro League](#) featured seven games and kicked off on Aug. 25 with a 2-1 victory by the Carolina RailHawks against the Tampa Bay Rowdies in Florida. The Austin Aztex drew the Portland Timbers 1-1 on the road in Oregon, keeping pace with conference leaders Rochester. Both the Rhinos and Aztex have already qualified for the postseason, but a two-point difference between the clubs ensures a battle all the way down to the wire for the USL Conference crown. The Rhinos fell to the Montreal Impact 2-0 on Aug. 27, with Montreal forward Ali Gerba continuing his good form with both goals in the win, giving him five in the last two games. Carolina played their second game in

three days on Aug. 28, falling to the Puerto Rico Islanders 3-2 in Cary, N.C. The final two games of the week took place on Sunday, Aug. 29 with a 2-2 draw between the Rowdies and AC St. Louis in Tampa and a 3-0 victory for Portland against Crystal Palace Baltimore. Timbers midfielder Ryan Pore scored one of the three goals, giving him his 14th of the season to remain atop the league's goal scoring table.

[2010 USSF D-2 Pro League Schedule and Standings](#)

[2010 USSF D-2 Pro League Playoff Standings](#)

– U.S. YOUTH NATIONAL TEAMS UPDATE –

U.S. U-20 MNT SET FOR FOUR INTERNATIONAL GAMES IN PERU: The U.S. U-20 Men's National Team [will travel to Peru for a four-team international tournament](#) from Sept. 1-13 in Arequipa. Head coach Thomas Rongen will bring 20 players, all professionals, to play against Paraguay on Sept. 6, Colombia on Sept. 8 and Peru on Sept. 10. There will also be a placement match on Sept. 12. The roster includes eight players who were part of the team that lifted the Milk Cup trophy in Northern Ireland in July, including Gale Agbossoumonde, who wore the captain's armband in the championship game and scored the winning goal. A pair of Hertha Berlin players – Anthony Brooks and Jerome Kiesewetter – will be joining Rongen's team for the first time from Germany. Goalkeeper Cody Cropper from Ipswich Town in England rounds out the European contingent. Seven players who play professionally in Mexico and six Development Academy alumni who are now all Homegrown Players in Major League Soccer, round out the U.S. roster. The U.S. U-20 MNT is gearing up for the CONCACAF U-20 Championship, which will serve as FIFA U-20 World Cup qualifying, slated for early next year. The 2011 FIFA U-20 World Cup will be held in Colombia in the summer.

U-20 MNT Roster by Position:

GOALKEEPERS (2): Samir Badr (F.C. Porto; Fairfax, Va.), Cody Cropper (Ipswich Town; Athens, Ga.)

DEFENDERS (7): Gale Agbossoumonde (S.C. Braga; Syracuse, N.Y.), Anthony Brooks (Hertha BSC; Berlin, Germany), Bryan De La Fuente (Chivas USA; Bell, Calif.), Christian Flores (Club Tijuana; El Cajon, Calif.), Greg Garza (G.D. Estoril Praia; Grapevine, Texas), Emilio Orozco (Tigres; Oxnard, Calif.), Korey Veeder (Crystal Palace Baltimore; St. Petersburg, Fla.)

MIDFIELDERS (7): Victor Garza (Tigres UANL; Edinburg, Texas), Kevin Huevo (C.F. Pachuca; Santa Ana, Calif.), Francisco Navas Cobo (Houston Dynamo; Richmond, Texas), Ernest Nungaray (Monarcas Morelia; National City, Calif.), Moises Orozco (Tigres UANL; Oxnard, Calif.), Conor Shanosky (D.C. United; Sterling, Va.), Cesar Zamora (Chivas USA; Sylmar, Calif.)

FORWARDS (4): Juan Agudelo (New York Red Bulls; Barnegat, N.Y.), Jerome Kiesewetter (Hertha BSC; Berlin, Germany), Adrian Ruelas (Santos Laguna; Fontana, Calif.), Omar Salgado (Portland Timbers; El Paso, Texas)

U.S. U-15 GNT FALLS TO KOREA REPUBLIC AND NIGERIA IN FLORIDA: The U.S. Under-15 Girls' National Team dropped two matches against two under-17 national teams, both of which are preparing for the 2010 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup in Trinidad & Tobago, during a week-long training camp in Florida. The U.S. U-15s fell 1-0 to the Korea Republic and

2-0 to Nigeria. U.S. head coach Mike Dickey brought 24 players to the camp, all born in 1995, and this group will form the core of the team that will attempt to qualify for the 2012 FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup in Azerbaijan.

– **AROUND THE SOCCER NATION** –

USA BID CONTINUES ITS PUSH TO GATHER SUPPORT: With less than 100 days to go before FIFA's decision on the host nations for the 2018 and 2022 FIFA World Cups™, the USA Bid Committee continues to gather support for their cause. The power of our movement ultimately lies in the number of Americans who stand behind the bid and proclaim to the world "The Game is in US." We invite you to tell your family, friends, neighbors and teammates that you want the FIFA World Cup™ to come to the United States – and ask them to join our grassroots movement. Learn how to help us spread the word about The United States' bid for the FIFA World Cup™ all across the Internet by visiting the Bid Committee's official site.

U.S. SOCCER COACHESNET ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR TWO EDUCATIONAL TRIPS IN 2011: In an effort to continue providing unique coaching opportunities to its membership, U.S. Soccer's CoachesNet [announces plans to offer educational trips to Brazil and Germany in 2011](#). Entering its third year, the aim of U.S. Soccer's international coaching education program is to expose U.S. coaches to other federations and clubs to learn the steps they take to develop their coaches and players. Attendees interact directly with top-level coaches, administrators and players from some of the best clubs and countries in the world. Scheduled to take place March 18-25, 2011, coaches will visit five-time FIFA World Cup Champion Brazil, host of the 2014 FIFA World Cup. While in Rio de Janeiro, coaches will take part in educational lectures with various professional coaches, visit with the Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF) and attend professional training sessions and games.

MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR 2012 OLYMPIC GAMES UNDERWAY: The U.S. Olympic Committee is now accepting requests from United States media organizations for accreditation to the 2012 Olympic Games in London. The application form is available through the USOC's media-specific site, <http://usocpressbox.org>. The deadline for making the request is Oct. 1, 2010. This process is open to print, internet and photographic media organizations that are based in the United States and meet the guideline standards outlined by the USOC. All non rights-holding broadcasters will be accredited by the International Olympic Committee. The form will be available March 2011, on the IOC website www.olympic.org and the deadline for submission for all non-rights holding broadcasters will be in May 2011.

2010-11 ECNL SEASON OPENED FRIDAY, AUG. 29 IN TEMECULA, CALIF.: The [Elite Clubs National League](#) opened the 2010-11 season, with the ECNL Fall National Showcase at the John Blanche Memorial Soccer Complex in Temecula, Calif. A total of 64 U-15 through U-18 girls' teams took part in the Fall National Showcase. The Fall National Showcase serves as the first of five regular-season ECNL events in 2010-11 leading up to the ECNL National Championship in July 2011.

*** **CENTER CIRCLE SPOTLIGHT** ***

PEAK PERFORMER: U.S. WNT and Washington Freedom striker Abby Wambach scored twice in a six-minute span, the first off a penalty kick, to lead the Freedom to a 2-1 come-from-behind victory over Sky Blue FC in a match that had huge implications for the WPS playoff race. The win put the Freedom three points clear of SBFC for the fourth and final playoff spot, as well as in control of its own playoff destiny with two matches left to play.

MARQUEE MATCHUP: The Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup semifinals will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 1, with D.C. United and the Columbus Crew facing off at RFK Stadium in Washington, D.C. at 7:30 p.m. ET and Chivas USA visiting Seattle Sounders FC at 7:30 p.m. PT to determine who will advance to the final.

QUOTABLE: “On behalf of our cities and people, the USA Bid Committee is honored to [welcome the FIFA Delegation to the United States](#), Our respect for the importance of this visit is matched only by our passion for the game and our commitment to deliver a bid that will be considered worthy of hosting the FIFA World Cup™ in 2018 or 2022.” –*USSF President and USA Bid Committee Chairman Sunil Gulati on next week’s visit by the FIFA Delegation inspecting the USA’s bid for the 2018 or 2022 World Cups*

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