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Women's Pro Soccer Atlanta Beat vs St Louis Athletica THE STARS OF THE WPS ARE COMING!

*April 3rd, 2010 at 100pm
University of Tulsa Soccer Stadium*

TULSA- The Broken Arrow Soccer Club, a 501-c3 non-profit organization, is proud to host the WPS preseason match of the Atlanta Beat and the St Louis Athletica.

Oklahoma Soccer Association, Green Country Soccer Association, Broken Arrow Soccer Club, Hurricane Futbol Club, Blitz Soccer Club, Tulsa Soccer Club, West Side Alliance Soccer Club, Tulsa Thunder, and the University of Tulsa are supporting organizations for the match. Proceeds from the match will go towards supporting the non-profit organization of Broken Arrow SC to provide youth soccer opportunities to all interested players. This event will also serve as a fundraiser for TOPSoccer, program for young athletes with special needs.

The match will be played at the University of Tulsa Soccer Stadium, meeting international standards for professional match play. Facility capacity will be expanded to 3500 for this match. Tickets will be available at the Oklahoma Soccer Association office at 9410-B East 51st Street; Tulsa, OK 74153 (1-918-627-2663) and online at www.brokenarrowsoccerclub.org. Pre-sale tickets are \$14 general admission and game day tickets will be \$18 (if not sold-out). For more information call 1-918- 258-5770.

About the Women's Professional Soccer: WPS is the top level professional [women's soccer](#) league in the world. The league is composed of 9 teams, with plans for future expansion. All the USA National team players play in WPS and many international stars. The season starts April 10th with the April 3rd Tulsa match the last preseason game.

Who are the stars coming to Tulsa for the WPS Exhibition Match between The Atlanta Beat and the St Louis Athletica?

St Louis Athletica

Lindsay Tarpley

USA National Team

US Soccer's Female Player of the Decade
Olympic Gold Medalist
2002 Young Female Player of the Year

Women's Pro Soccer

2009 Chicago Red Star

4 goals and 4 assists as a starter for the 2009 season

University of North Carolina

2002 NCAA Division 1 Freshman Player of the Year
Won 5 National Player of the Year awards

Lindsay Tarpley has already had one of the most prolific careers in USA National team history. She has already had over 100 national team appearances ranking her 23rd and her goal scoring totals place her 13th all time. At age 26, Tarpley is hitting her prime years to excel even beyond her past records.

Hope Solo

USA National Team

7 years with national team
Olympic Gold Medalist

Women's Pro Soccer

2009 St Louis Athletica

2009 WPS Goalkeeper of the Year
2009 WPS All-Star selection

University of Washington

3 time NCAA All-American selection
4 time All-Pac Conference selection

Hope Solo has become the definitive number 1 goalkeeper for the USA National team.

Solidifying her position with matured leadership and incredible athletic abilities. Many consider Solo the greatest goalkeeper in the women's game.

Shannon Box

USA National Team

7 years with the senior national team currently with 113 appearances
Olympic Gold Medalist

Women's Pro Soccer

2009 Los Angeles Sol

2009 WPS All-star selection

Shannon Box came on to the international scene late making her debut in 2003 at age 26. Since that time, she has been considered the "*world's greatest defensive midfielder*". A defensive stalwart in the middle and the composure and vision to control the distribution of play.

Lori Chalupny

USA National Team

7 years experience with senior national team and 92 appearances
Olympic Gold Medalist
In 2009 named co-captain of USA national team

Women's Pro Soccer

2009 St Louis Athletica

2009 WPS All Star selection

University of North Carolina

2 time NCAA All-American selection
3 time ALL ACC selection
Won 5 National Player of the Year awards

Lori Chalupny is considered one of the top attacking midfielders for the USA and the world. She possesses leadership qualities that has given her the opportunity to be the USA Women's National Team captain.

The Atlanta Beat

Tobin Heath

USA National Team

Youngest member of the U.S. National Team in 2008

2008 Olympic Gold Medalist
USA Youth National teams 2002- 2007

University of North Carolina

2009 preseason All-American by Soccer America
2009 M.A.C. Hermann Trophy Watch list
2009 Soccer Buzz National Player of the Year Finalist
2009 First-Team Top Drawer Soccer All-America
2009 First-Team All-ACC
2009 Women's College Cup All-Tournament Team

One of the most heralded players coming out of the University of North Carolina, Tobin Heath will be making her professional debut in Tulsa, Oklahoma. University of North Carolina coach Anson Dorrance calls her an ***“American player with Brazilian-like skills that has great one-on-one abilities combined with the attacking mentality of the Brazilian soccer temperament.”***

Monica O’Campo

Mexico National Team

5 years Senior National Team
2006 FIFA Women's World Player of the Year Finalist
Competed in the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup Finals in 2006

Monica O’Campo is one of the most exciting players coming out of Latin America as The Atlanta Beat signed her straight from National team performances. She’s Mexico most lethal weapon blending a mix of speed, deception, and agility to her game.

Ramona Bachmann

Switzerland National Team

2009 Swiss Player of the Year
2009 Number 1 International Player Draft selection

Ramona Bachmann is one of the most exciting international players in the world. She just turned 19 and she’s been tabbed as the next great superstar in the women’s game. She’s been playing professionally in Sweden, with powerhouse Umea IK for the past 3 years- making her professional debut at 16 years old. At only 17 years old, she led the Umea IK attack to a European UEFA Cup 2nd place finish. Ramona was the consensus first choice selection of internationals for the 2009 draft which Atlanta Beat had the rights for. After securing the rights, The Atlanta Beat had to negotiate with Umea IK for her transfer only recently coming to financial terms to send her to the team for this season.

Mami Yamaguchi

Japan National Team

Florida State University

2007 MAC Herman Trophy winner – as Best College Soccer player in NCAA Division 1

Mami Yamaguchi returns to the United States to play for the Atlanta Beat. She had 4 stellar years at Florida State University breaking or tying offensive records. She has incredibly technical ability to maintain control and possession in tight spaces and dictate the rhythm of play through the midfield.