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Atlanta Beat Game Roster

#	Name	Pos	Previous Club
21	Eniola Aluko	F	Saint Louis Athletica
10	Ramona Bachman	F	Umeå IK
4	Stacy Bishop	M	Boston Breakers
14	Carolyn Blank	M	Saint Louis Athletica
15	Amanda Cinalli	F	Saint Louis Athletica
12	Lori Chalupny	D	Saint Louis Athletica
23	Tina Ellertson	D	Saint Louis Athletica
3	Tobin Heath	M	University of North Carolina
11	Angie Kerr	M	Saint Louis Athletica
5	Katie Larkin	M	Los Angeles Sol
17	Brett Maron	GK	Krisianstad FF
6	Kia McNeill	D	Saint Louis Athletica
20	Sophia Mundy	M	Boston Breakers
8	Monica Ocampo	F	FC Indiana
13	Johanna Rasmussen	F	Umeå IK
7	Leigh Ann Robinson	D	FC Gold Pride
78	Hope Solo	GK	Saint Louis Athletica
18	Shelley Thompson	F	Vfl Wolfsburg
1	Allison Whitworth	GK	FC Gold Pride
9	Mami Yamaguchi	M	Umeå IK
2	McCall Zerboni	M	Los Angeles Sol

Head Coach: Gareth O'Sullivan

Assistant Coach: Robbie Nicholson

Goalkeeper Coach: Russ Stroud

2010 Red Stars Roster

#	Name	Pos	Previous Club
10	Kosovare Asllani	F	Linköping FC
14	Karen Carney	F	Arsenal
17	Katie Chapman	M	Arsenal
11	Cristiane	F	Santos FC
2	Marian Dalmy	D	US Women's National Team
4	Ifeoma Dieke	D	Kristianstad DFF
9	Whitney Engen	D	UNC Tarheels
8	Formiga	M	FC Gold Pride
6	Brittany Klein	M	Pali Blues
1	Jillian Loyden	GK	Saint Louis Athletica
15	Kate Markgraf	D	US Women's National Team
3	Ella Masar	F	Washington Freedom
22	Jessica McDonald	F	UNC Tarheels
27	Casey Noguera	F	Los Angeles Sol
7	Megan Rapinoe	M	University of Portland
25	Jackie Santacaterina*	M	University of Illinois
38	Julianne Sitch	M	Sky Blue FC
13	Natalie Spilger	D	Bälinge IF Uppsala
21	Lydia Vandenberg*	D	Clemson
19	Michele Weissenhofer*	F	Notre Dame

*developmental player

Interim Head Coach: Marcia McDermott

Assistant Coach: Denise Reddy

Goalkeeper Coach: Nathan Kipp

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE:

Atlanta Beat	
ENIOLA ALUKO	en-EE-oh-lah A-lou-koh
RAMONA BACHMANN	ruh-MONE-uh BOCK-muhn
STACY BISHOP	STAY-cee BIH-shup
CAROLYN BLANK	Care-oh-lihn Blaynk
AMANDA CINALLI	uh-MAN-duh SIN-nolly
LORI CHALIPNY	Lor-EE KUH-lup-nee
TINA ELLERTSON	Tee-nuh El-ert-son
TOBIN HEATH	TOE-bin HEETH
ANGIE KERR	AN-jee KUR
KATIE LARKIN	KAY-tEE LAR-kin
MALORIE LOFTON-MALACHI	Mal-LO-ree Mal-LA-kai
BRETT MARON	BREHT MARE-in
BLAKELY MATTERN	BLAKE-lee MAT-earn
KIA MCNEILL	KEY-uh MICK-neeel
SOPHIA MUNDY	soh-FEE-uh MUHN-dee
REBECCA NOLIN	RUH-beck-uh NO-lin
MONICA OCAMPO	MOHN-ih-kah oh-CAMP-oh
JOHANNA RASMUSSEN	yo-HAH-nuh RAZ-moose-in
LEIGH ANN ROBINSON	LEE-ANN ROB-in-son
HOPE SOLO	Hope So-low
SHELLEY THOMPSON	SHEH-lee TOMP-son
ALLISON WHITWORTH	Allison WIT-worth
MAMI YAMAGUCHI	MA-mee yah-mah-GOO-chee
MCCALL ZERBONI	Muh-call Zur-BONE-nee
Chicago Red Stars	
KOSOVARE ASLLANI	ko-sa-VAR-ee a-SLAH-nee
CRISTIANE	KRISS-tee-ON-ee
MARIAN DALMY	MARE-ee-in DOLL-me
IFEOMA DIEKE	if-FOAM-ah dee-AY-kay
WHITNEY ENGEN	EN-guhn
FORMIGA	for-MEE-gah
ELLA MASAR	ell-UH MASS-UR
CASEY NOGUERIA	na-GARE-a
MEGAN RAPIONE	ra-PEE-no
NATALIE SPILGER	SPILL-guhr
MICHELE WEISSENHOFER	wise-en-HOFF-er



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GAME NOTES

HAYES RELIEVED OF HEAD COACH DUTIES

The Chicago Red Stars announced on May 26, 2010 the Emma Hayes would no longer be serving as the Red Stars' head coach and director of soccer operations. The team named General Manager Marcia McDermott as interim head coach, and the search for Hayes' replacement began immediately afterwards. McDermott also serves as the team's president. During Hayes' two-season stint with the Red Stars, the team posted a 6-14-6 record and is currently in 7th place with a 1-3-1 record.

NEW PLAYERS

The Atlanta Beat acquired five new players last week after the dissolution of the Saint Louis Athletica. Internationally renowned goalkeeper **Hope Solo** was named WPS Goalkeeper of the Year in 2009, and has 29 saves through six games played this season. Defender **Tina Ellertson** rejoins former Athletica teammate Kia McNeill in a combination that, along with Solo, allowed only 15 goals last season. Forward **Eniola Aluko**, a member of the English national team, leads WPS in goals scored with four in just six games. Midfielder **Lori Chalpuny** was a captain and WPS All-Star for the Athletica last year. Midfielder **Carolyn Blank** also joins the Beat from Saint Louis. Blank has earned six starts in six games played tallying one goal so far in her rookie season. The Beat placed No. 1 draft pick Tobin Heath on season-ending injured reserve and released forward Lauren Sessermann, midfielder Marisha Schumacher-Hodge, and defender Tracy Hamm.

DEFENSIVE BATTLE

Both teams have been struggling offensively, but with strong defensive efforts expected, the stage is set for a defensive showdown. The Beat and Red Stars have scored the least goals of any teams in WPS, with four goals scored by the Red Stars and two goals scored by the Beat so far this season. The Red Stars' defense has also allowed the least goals scored per game in WPS, and Red Stars goalkeeper Jillian Loyden tied for second in the league in goals allowed.

SEARCHING FOR WINS

The Red Stars sit in fifth place in the WPS standings after winning their second game last week against defending WPS champs Sky Blue FC. The Beat continue the hunt for their first win this week, although their 1-1 exhibition draw against Tampa Bay last week showcased their growing offensive strength. Last week's exhibition match also yielded the Beat's only goal scored in the month of May.

BY THE RECORD

<u>SITUATION</u>	<u>RECORD</u>
Home	0-2-0
Away	0-3-1
Scoring First	0-0-0
Opponent Scores First	0-5-0
Leading At Halftime	0-0-0
Trailing At Halftime	0-3-0
Tied At Halftime	0-2-1
Leading After 60 Minutes	0-0-0
Trailing After 60 Minutes	0-4-0
Tied After 60 Minutes	0-1-1
Leading After 75 Minutes	0-0-0
Trailing After 75 Minutes	0-4-0
Tied After 75 Minutes	0-1-1
Playing On TV	0-2-0
Playing On Turf	0-2-1
Playing On Grass	0-3-0
Game Starts In Daylight	0-4-1
Game Starts At Night	0-1-0
Rain	0-0-0
No Rain	0-5-1
Vs. East Coast	0-4-1
Vs. Midwest	0-0-0
Vs. West Coast	0-1-0

<u>Situation</u>	<u>Record</u>
Quickest Goal.	25', Monica Ocampo, vs. FC Gold Pride, April 24
Quickest Goal Against.	11', Tiffeny Milbritt, FC Gold Pride, April 24
Game Tying Goals After 75'.	--
Game Winning Goals After 75'.	--
Hat Tricks.	--
Hat Tricks Against.	--
Red Cards.	--



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Opponent's Red Cards.

chances during the match and recording a league-leading third shutout. There were 7,248 in attendance.

May 29, 2010

TAMPA BAY EXHIBITION

After a bye week during which the US women's national team defeated Germany in an exhibition game, the Atlanta Beat were scheduled to play the Saint Louis Athletica. However, the Athletica dissolved shortly before Saturday's match, and the Beat played the Tampa Bay Hellenic of the W-League in an exhibition match, which concluded in a 1-1 tie. The Beat outshot the Hellenic 30-1, and defender Rebecca Nolin scored the team's first goal in the new stadium.

May 16, 2010

GAME SIX: LOSS TO WASHINGTON

Although the Atlanta Beat (0-5-1) outshot the Washington Freedom (3-2-1) 21-10, they lost a 2-0 match in their second home game of the season. The match was marked by an aggressive challenge in the air in the 7th minute between Beat midfielder McCall Zerboni and Freedom midfielder Sonia Bompastor that injured both players. Zerboni sustained a concussion and did not return. Freedom forward Abby Wambach gained her league-leading 7th assist on a Lene Mykjaland goal in the 29th minute, and Wambach scored a goal herself in the 64th minute off an assist from Bompastor, who had returned to the game after receiving stitches. There were 3,112 in attendance.

May 9, 2010

GAME FIVE: HOME OPENER

The Atlanta Beat (0-4-1, 1 point) opened the brand-new KSU Soccer Stadium with a 1-0 loss to New Jersey's Sky Blue FC (3-2-0, 9 points). The Beat had 15 shots on goal to Sky Blue's 3, but a Beat own goal in the 50th minute proved to be the deciding factor. Sky Blue midfielder Heather O'Reilly crossed the ball into the box, which Beat defender Leigh Ann Robinson attempted to head to goalkeeper Brett Maron. However, Maron was out of the goal challenging a potential shot, and Robinson's deflection flew into the back of the net, giving Sky Blue the lead. Sky Blue goalkeeper Karen Bardsley made 13 saves during the match, defeating many Beat

May 1, 2010

GAME FOUR: BEAT FALL TO PHILLY

The Atlanta Beat dropped a 1-0 decision Saturday night in a second meeting with the Philadelphia Independence. The Beat led 6-4 in total first half shots. However Lori Lindsey of the Independence found the game winner 24 minutes into the match. The goal came when an Independence direct kick was saved by Atlanta Beat goalkeeper Brett Maron and then followed by Philadelphia's Lori Lindsey.

April 24, 2010

GAME THREE: BEAT FACE GOLD PRIDE

Mexican international Monica Ocampo finished her first goal of the season as the Atlanta Beat (0-2-1, 1 point) fell 2-1 to the Bay Area's FC Gold Pride (2-1-0, 6 points) in Castro Valley, Cal. Beat midfielder Tobin Heath suffered a right ankle injury in the 18th minute of play and would not return. FC Gold Pride opened the scoring in the 11th minute when Camily Abily sent a through ball into Tiffeny Millbrett for the game's first goal. The Beat responded with several close opportunities before Beat forward Monica Ocampo split the Bay Area center backs to finish in the 23rd. A physical first half yielded cautions on both sides of the ball as Pride defender Rachel Buehler picked up a yellow in the 26th minute and Beat midfielder/defender McCall Zerboni received the same in the 45th. The first half ended tied at one goal apiece. An evenly-matched second half saw a single shot on goal from both teams. The Beat's Ramona Bachmann had several half-chances in the box. However, Bay Area defender Carrie Dew shot the game winning goal just moments before the final whistle.

April 18, 2010

GAME TWO: FACING FREEDOM

Ramona Bachmann scored the Atlanta Beat's first goal in Women's Professional Soccer history as the Beat fell 3-1 to the Washington Freedom Sunday night at the Maryland SoccerPlex. Goals by the Freedom's Abby Wambach, Homare Sawa, and Christie Welsh



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accounted for the result. Play went back and forth in the first half with Atlanta maintaining good possession and chances by Beat midfielder Lauren Sesselmann in the fourth minute, Rasmussen in the eighth, and Heath in the 11th. The Freedom's Abby Wambach scored the game's first goal off a Sonia Bompastor free kick that Beat goalkeeper Allison Whitworth couldn't handle. The ball fell to Wambach who made the finish. The goal came in the 43rd minute and put the Freedom up 1-0 heading into the half. At the start of second half, Atlanta's Mami Yamaguchi played a through ball into Bachmann in the 47th minute. Bachmann ran in behind the Freedom defense to score the Beat's first goal in WPS history. Nearly three minutes after Bachmann's finish, a Washington Freedom serve came in from right midfield. Wambach laid it off to Sawa who shot from the top of the box and put the Freedom up 2-1 in the 50th minute. Christie Welsh scored the game's final goal in the 89th contributing to the 3-1 result.

April 11, 2010

GAME ONE: EXPANSION TEAM BATTLE

The Atlanta Beat and Philadelphia Independence are the first two expansion teams in WPS. Seven teams around the country began play in the 2009 season. In March of 2009 Philadelphia was officially announced as the 8th franchise before Atlanta followed suit just three months later, joining the league as the 9th team for the 2010 season. The 2010 season opener marked the first-ever game for both franchises in an inaugural battle of the WPS newcomers and ended in a 0-0 tie.

PRESEASON SUCCESS...

The Atlanta Beat went 6-1 and only suffered a single loss in preseason play. Atlanta outscored preseason opponents 21-6.

BEAT PRESEASON RECAP

Mar. 10: Atlanta Beat 3, Auburn University 2
Mar. 19: Atlanta Beat 2, U-20 WNT 0
Mar. 21: Atlanta Beat 6, University of Florida 0
Mar. 23: Atlanta Beat 2, Boston Breakers 1
Mar. 25: Atlanta Beat 1, Florida State University 2
Mar. 28: Atlanta Beat 5, University of North Carolina 0
Apr. 3: Atlanta Beat 2, Saint Louis Athletica 1

PRESEASON

March 10, 2010

Heading into the team's first preseason game against Auburn, the Beat waived draft picks Shaneka Gordon of West Florida, Kasey Langdon from Oklahoma State, Jill Hutchinson of Wake Forest, and Santa Clara's Amanda Poach (acquired through Dispersal Draft trade). The Beat defeated Auburn 3-2 with goals from McCall Zerboni, Shelley Thompson and Christine Latham. Following the Auburn match, Sharolta Nonen and Christine Latham were both released, trimming the roster to 24 players.

PRESEASON

March 19, 2010

After back-to-back goals from Swiss forward, Ramona Bachmann, the Atlanta Beat defeated the U-20 U.S. Women's National Team 2-0 in St. Augustine, FL. Bachmann scored the Beat's opening goal just two minutes into the match after outpacing a defender to a well-placed, through ball from defender Stacy Bishop. The Swizz international notched her second when she dispossessed a defender to go one v. one with the goalkeeper.

PRESEASON

March 21, 2010

The Atlanta Beat earned two shut-outs in two games after defeating the University of Florida 6-0 on two first-half and four second half goals in Gainesville, Fla. Mexican forward Monica Ocampo opened the Beat's scoring in the 20th minute with a finish to the far post before midfielder Sophia Mundy rebounded a Marisha Schumacher-Hodge shot to finish the second goal of the first half. This would be the Beat's highest scoring match of preseason as goals two goals by Kerri Hanks plus finishes from, Amanda Cinalli and Shelley Thompson ended the game 6-0 in favor of the Beat.

March 23, 2010

The Atlanta Beat earned a fourth straight preseason win after defeating the Boston Breakers 2-1 in the team's first match against a WPS opponent. The Beat's Monica Ocampo scored the game's opening goal on a one-two combination with Japanese forward Mami Yamaguchi at 20 minutes into the first half. Yamaguchi finished one of her own after striking a direct



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kick in the top corner putting the Beat up 2-0 at the 60 minute mark.

Boston forward Claire Zimmeck put the breakers on the board with 15 minutes to go, ending the game 2-1 in favor of the Beat.

PRESEASON

March 25, 2010

Falling 2-1 against Florida State University, the Atlanta Beat took its first and only loss of preseason as former Seminole All-American and 2007 MAC Hermann Trophy winner Mami Yamaguchi made the first trip back to her alma mater. In the game, Florida State took the early lead just 40 seconds after the opening whistle. The Beat came close to tying in the 26th minute as Sophia Mundy's strike (inside the left post) was saved by FSU keeper Kelsey Wys leading Seminoles into the half up 1-0. During the halftime break, FSU extended a warm welcome to former Seminole All-American Mami Yamaguchi, who the Beat selected in the 2009 WPS International Draft. Following Yamguchi's recognition, the Beat fired straight out of the gates with Rebecca Nolin's header saved by the Seminole keeper. Soon following was the Beat's first goal as German international Shelley Thompson collected a rebound off the crossbar in the 52nd. FSU would regain the lead off a shot from Janice Cayman on the game-winner. Atlanta had chances from Kerri Hanks on a redirection, McCall Zerboni in the 75th, and on a free kick from Stacy Bishop in the 88th. Midfielder Amanda Cinalli left the match sustaining a rib injury.

March 28, 2010

The Atlanta Beat along with several other WPS franchises challenged the NCAA National Champion University of North Carolina in preseason play. The Beat defeated the Tarheels 5-0 at Kennesaw State University in front of the team's first-ever home crowd. Finishing three goals in the first half and two in the second, the Beat saw its second highest scoreline and margin for victory in an exhibition match this preseason. Just six minutes into the game, Beat Midfielder Angie Kerr sent a ball across the box to Sophia Mundy for the game's opening goal. Moments later, Beat defender

Leigh Ann Robinson attacked from the right back position serving to Japanese international Mami Yamaguchi for the team's second finish. McCall Zerboni scored unassisted, finishing the Beat's third goal just before the half. Play went back and forth in the beginning of the second half before Katie Larkin put away another Beat goal making the score 4-0 in the 73rd minute. Two minutes later, Yamaguchi put away her second and the game's fifth. The Beat was without several internationals serving national team duty: Ramona Bachmann (Switzerland), Johanna Rasmussen (Denmark), and Monica Ocampo (Mexico).

April 3, 2010

In the last test of preseason 2010, the Beat defeated the Saint Louis Athletica 2-1 in the team's second match against a WPS opponent. The Beat struck first as forward Ramona Bachmann dribbled a short corner into the box and sent a low, driven ball to Beat defender, and former Athletica centerback, Kia McNeill for a finish in the 27th minute. Bachmann, who rejoined the team in Tulsa following a national team call-up with Switzerland, also finished the game's second goal to put the Beat up 2-0 at the 38th. Thirty-five minutes into the first half, an injured Bachmann left the game but was probable to return. "While we tried to determine if she would come back, St. Louis scored," said O'Sullivan. Athletica midfielder Shannon Boxx combined on a one-two with Aya Miyama before striking a far corner, left-footed finish. Following the goal, the Beat replaced Bachmann with midfielder Sophia Mundy who finished the remainder of the game. The Beat finished preseason with a 6-1 record and outscored opponents 21-6.

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