

U.S. Team at a Glance

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KEY RESERVES/ STARTERS IN WAITING

DEFENDERS

3 CARLOS BOCANEGRA

Age: 27 | **Caps:** 40
Ht.: 6-0 | **Wgt:** 170
Club: Fulham (England).
What He Does Well: Physical back who is good in the air, has a strong left foot and could bolster U.S. set pieces.
Where You'll See Him: A central role alongside Onyewu, at left back in a three-man alignment or, more likely, a second-half option.

12 GREGG BERHALTER

Age: 32 | **Caps:** 44
Ht.: 6-1 | **Wgt:** 175
Club: 1860 Munich (Germany).
What He Does Well: Central back was a late replacement for Cory Gibbs (knee) on the roster and will offer big-game experience.
Where You'll See Him: Very unlikely to start but could see late-game action.

MIDFIELDERS

5 JOHN O'BRIEN

Age: 28 | **Caps:** 31
Ht.: 5-9 | **Wgt:** 150
Club: Chivas USA (MLS).
What He Does Well: When healthy — which hasn't been often since the last World Cup — he's a gifted passer and perceptive organizer.
Where You'll See Him: The bigger question is how much you'll see him. Could play a central role or on the flank.

8 CLINT DEMPSEY

Age: 23 | **Caps:** 21
Ht.: 6-1 | **Wgt:** 170
Club: N.E. Revolution (MLS).
What He Does Well: Improvises on the run, creates opportunities out of nothing and offsets his untamed style with opportunistic goals.
Where You'll See Him: He's at his best in the middle — where he is likely a reserve — but he could start on the right side.

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16 JOSH WOLFF

Age: 29 | **Caps:** 47
Ht.: 5-8 | **Wgt:** 160
Club: Kansas City Wizards (MLS).
What He Does Well: A creator more than a goal scorer, his speed allows him to outpace defenders and set up teammates inside the penalty area.
Where You'll See Him: Outside chance of starting, but more likely a second-half option.

9 EDDIE JOHNSON

Age: 22 | **Caps:** 18
Ht.: 6-0 | **Wgt:** 180
Club: Kansas City Wizards (MLS).
What He Does Well: When healthy, he scores goals at an impressive rate with a quick, powerful shot and the ability to ward off defenders.
Where You'll See Him: Possible starter next to McBride, or a dangerous weapon off the bench.

PROBABLE STARTERS*

GOALKEEPER 18 KASEY KELLER

Age: 36 | **Caps:** 93
Ht.: 6-2 | **Wgt:** 190
Club: Borussia Moenchengladbach (Germany).
What He Does Well: His sublime reflexes and ability to anticipate dangerous situations rescued the U.S. team on numerous occasions during the qualifying stages.

Where You'll See Him: Barring injury or sudden loss of form, he will start every game. **»»**



DEFENDERS

6 STEVE CHERUNDOLO



Age: 27
Caps: 35
Ht.: 5-6
Wgt: 145
Club: Hannover 96 (Germany).

What He Does Well: Compensates for his smallish frame with tight marking, smart tackling, composed dribbling and timely runs.
Where You'll See Him: Starting at right back, with the skills to venture forward.

22 OGUCHI ONYEWU



Age: 24
Caps: 14
Ht.: 6-4
Wgt: 210
Club: Standard Liege (Belg.).

What He Does Well: A towering force in the middle of the back line, the Olney native is strong in the air and has the upper body strength to go shoulder to shoulder with elite strikers.
Where You'll See Him: Battling 6-7 Jan Koller of the Czech Republic and 6-4 Luca Toni of Italy.

23 EDDIE POPE



Age: 32
Caps: 80
Ht.: 6-1
Wgt: 180
Club: Real Salt Lake (MLS).

What He Does Well: Former D.C. United star is strong in the air, carries the experience of two previous World Cups and plays a simple but effective style.
Where You'll See Him: A likely starter in central defense.

7 EDDIE LEWIS



Age: 32
Caps: 70
Ht.: 5-10
Wgt: 155
Club: Leeds United (England).

What He Does Well: Crosses from the left with pinpoint accuracy, shoots well from beyond the penalty area and serves a threatening free kick.
Where You'll See Him: Despite being a left wing for Leeds, he is likely to start at left back for his country.

10 CLAUDIO REYNA

Age: 32 | **Caps:** 109
Ht.: 5-9 | **Wgt:** 160
Club: Manchester City (England).
What He Does Well: Team captain and former U-Va. star sets the tone of the attack, recognizes when adjustments are needed and has the ability to drop a perfectly weighted pass onto a teammate's foot.
Where You'll See Him: Most likely in a deeper midfield role than in past World Cups. **»»**



Age: 24
Caps: 58
Ht.: 5-8
Wgt: 145
Club: PSV Eindhoven (Netherlands).

What He Does Well: Runs at defenders with feet moving at the pace of a hummingbird's wings, dribbles effectively in tight spaces and scores goals regularly.
Where You'll See Him: Hard to say. A natural on the left, but he could wind up on the right, the middle or the bench.

21 LANDON DONOVAN



Age: 24 | **Caps:** 81
Ht.: 5-8 | **Wgt:** 148
Club: L.A. Galaxy (MLS).
What He Does Well: The most complete — and important — player on the U.S. team because he makes things happen with his acceleration, technical skills and scoring capability.
Where You'll See Him: A definite starter, but as a withdrawn forward, playmaking midfielder or right wing?

MIDFIELDERS



4 PABLO MASTROENI



Age: 29
Caps: 48
Ht.: 5-10
Wgt: 170
Club: Colorado Rapids (MLS).

What He Does Well: Physical, uncompromising tackler who disrupts opposing playmakers and initiates his team's attacks and counterattacks.
Where You'll See Him: Deep in the midfield, just in front of the central defenders.

15 BOBBY CONVEY



Age: 23
Caps: 39
Ht.: 5-8
Wgt: 150
Club: Reading (England).
What He

Does Well: Runs the flank well, likes to take on defenders and has improved his crossing and scoring abilities.
Where You'll See Him: At left midfield, where he has become a legitimate starting option.

FORWARDS

20 BRIAN McBRIDE



Age: 33 | **Caps:** 92
Ht.: 6-1 | **Wgt:** 170
Club: Fulham (England).
What He Does Well: Steady target man is deadly in the air, holds the ball effectively with his back to the goal and makes precision runs away from the action.
Where You'll See Him: Starting at the very top of the formation.

ALSO THERE

GOALKEEPERS

1 TIM HOWARD

Age: 27 | **Caps:** 16
Ht.: 6-3 | **Wgt:** 210
Club: Manchester United/Everton, on loan (England).
What He Does Well: Strong presence in the box, sharp reflexes.
Where You'll See Him: On the bench, looking forward to 2010.

19 MARCUS HAHNEMANN

Age: 33 | **Caps:** 6
Ht.: 6-3 | **Wgt:** 220
Club: Reading (England).
What He Does Well: Aggressive and intimidating.
Where You'll See Him: On the bench, needed only in case of emergency.

DEFENDERS

2 CHRIS ALBRIGHT

Age: 27 | **Caps:** 20
Ht.: 6-1 | **Wgt:** 185
Club: L.A. Galaxy (MLS).
What He Does Well: At international level, his strength and heading ability are beneficial.
Where You'll See Him: Could enter in second half at left or right back.

13 JIMMY CONRAD

Age: 29 | **Caps:** 15
Ht.: 6-2 | **Wgt:** 185
Club: Kansas City Wizards (MLS).
What He Does Well: Intelligent and well organized.
Where You'll See Him: Possible late-game reinforcement if U.S. team is winning.

MIDFIELDERS

14 BEN OLSEN

Age: 29 | **Caps:** 34
Ht.: 5-8 | **Wgt:** 140
Club: D.C. United (MLS).
What He Does Well: Feisty player who can join the attack.
Where You'll See Him: Possible late-game reinforcement if central midfield is wearing down.

FORWARDS

11 BRIAN CHING

Age: 28 | **Caps:** 20
Ht.: 6-1 | **Wgt:** 195
Club: Houston Dynamo (MLS).
What He Does Well: Strong in the air and knows how to score.
Where You'll See Him: McBride's natural back-up, though he could start if Arena wants a big front line.

COACHES

BRUCE ARENA Head coach
Home: Fairfax
Age: 54
Head Coaching Experience: University of Virginia; D.C. United; 1996 U.S. Olympic team.
Playing Experience: Goalkeeper for Nassau (N.Y.) Community College and Cornell; one appearance for U.S. national team.

ASSISTANT COACHES

Glenn Myernick
Curt Onalfo

* **Note:** Naming probable starters for the U.S. team is a tenuous proposition, since coach Bruce Arena likes to adjust his lineup game to game to create favorable matchups.