

--USA Soccer Set for World Cup Qualifying--

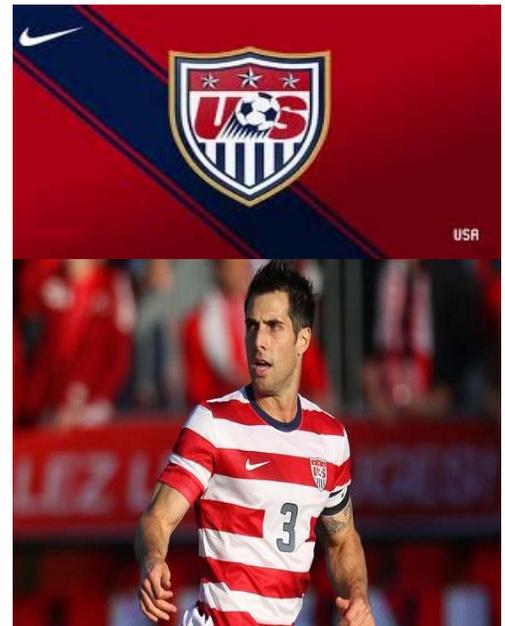
CHICAGO (Jan. 6, 2013) – U.S. Men’s National Team head coach Jurgen Klinsmann has named a 25- player roster to report to the team’s January camp beginning Monday, Jan. 7, at the National Training Center in Carson, Calif.

The team will train together until Jan. 27, when it departs for Houston in advance of the first match of the 2013 campaign against Canada on Jan. 29 at BBVA Compass Stadium (TICKETS). Kickoff is set for 8 p.m. CT, and the match will be broadcast live on ESPN2 and WatchESPN. Fans can also follow the match live on ussoccer.com’s MatchTracker and on Twitter @ussoccer.

The match is the only game prior to the start of the Final Round of qualifying for the 2014 FIFA World Cup, which kicks off for the United States on Feb. 6 against Honduras in

San Pedro Sula. In addition to the Hexagonal, U.S. Soccer is celebrating its 100-year Anniversary and will be hosting a number of events throughout the year. As part of the event, the U.S. will hold a public training session at BBVA Compass Stadium on Jan. 28. Admission and parking for the event are free.

“There is a tremendous amount of talent in the player pool. We follow these players very carefully, and the group coming in is the next line to challenge the players ahead of them in the National Team,” said Klinsmann. “This is absolutely a huge opportunity, and we’re looking forward to working with them. We are getting ready for the friendly against Canada, and also the big World Cup qualifier in Honduras, so these are going to be an important few weeks of preparation.”



Captain Carlos Bocanegra will lead the U.S. to the 2014 World Cup in Brazil by conquering the qualifiers.

Midfielder Clint Dempsey



Age: 29
 Birth Date: Mar 9, 1983
 Birth Place: Nacogdoches, Texas
 Height: 6' 1"
 Weight: 77 kg
 Team: Tottenham Hotspurs
 CAPS: 57

--American Impact Players--

Donovan’s biggest goal when he broke a 0-0 tie in the 91st minute against Algeria in the 2010. They later went on and lost to Ghana 2-1 in the quarter finals taking them out of the tournament. Clint Dempsey is taking on the new role of the U.S.’s best player. He is younger faster and quicker than Landon Donovan and has accomplished more. He is playing for Tottenham and is a major impact for their team. Clint Dempsey (Left) and Landon Donovan (Right) have been arguably the best U.S. soccer players that the U.S. has ever seen, but the question is who is better?

Landon Donovan has been in U.S. soccer from the start by playing for the younger national teams and going to the U.S. academies. Clint Dempsey played through college and got good enough to be able to play on the national team and has earned his spot. Landon Donovan has definitely been a bigger impact, but only because of his age. Now, who is the best U.S. player? Come vote at www.USAsoccer.com!

MF Landon Donovan



Age: 30
 Birth Date: Mar 4, 1982
 Birth Place: Ontario, California
 Height: 5' 8"
 Weight: 71.67 kg
 Team L.A. Galaxy
 CAPS: 84

--U.S Men’s Roster--

Forwards

- #17 Altidore, Jozy*
- #18 Boyd, Terrence
- #9 Gomez, Herculez*

Goal Keepers

- #23 Guzan, Brad
- #1 Howard, Tim*
- #16 Johnson, Sean
- #34 Rimando, Nick

Midfielders

- #8 Dempsey, Clint*
- #10 Donovan, Landon*
- #5 Beckerman, Kyle*
- #15 Corona, Joe
- #7 Edu, Maurice*
- #26 Johnson, Fabian
- #23 Jones, Jermaine
- #20 Shea, Brek
- #4 Torres, Jose
- #6 Williams, Danny

Defense

- #3 Bocanegra, Carlos*
- #5 Cameron, Geoff *
- #6 Cherundolo, Steve
- #3 Goodson, Clarence*
- #42 Orozco, Fiscal*
- #19 Michael, Parkhurst
- # Spector, Jonathan

* denotes probable starter



The starting eleven for the Men’s National Team. Come see them take on Mexico at RFK Stadium in Washington D.C. our nations capital.

--Mexico Soccer Gearing Up for USA--

By Saturday, the sides were close to finalizing a deal to bring the game to BBVA Compass Stadium. The deal was completed Monday after CONCACAF approved the venue.

With the cheapest seat going for \$70, tickets will go on sale to the general public at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday.

A sellout crowd of 22,039 is expected, and the secondary-ticket market should also be hopping with folks wanting to watch the country that won its first Olympic gold medal in soccer at the London Games.

Mexico, which beat Guyana 3-1 in Mexico this summer, leads Group B with a 4-0 record (12 points) and is the first CONCACAF team to secure a spot

in the next round of qualifying for the 2014 World Cup in Brazil.

Guyana is last in Group B with one point on a tie and three losses.

"We expect to be sold out in fairly short order," Hall said.

Although the U.S. Soccer Federation has avoided playing a World Cup qualifier in Houston because many CONCACAF rivals have huge fan bases here, Houston is attractive for promoters looking to capitalize on Mexico's popularity.

In 2008, the Belize Soccer Federation moved its World Cup qualifier against Mexico to Reliant Stadium. Mexico won 2-0 before a pro-Mexico crowd of 50,137.



Captain Alov Diarra will lead the Mexico to a victory in USA's home turf.

Forward Chicharito Hernandez



Age: 24
 Birth Date: Jun 1, 1988
 Birth Place: Guadalajara, Mexico
 Height: 6' 1"
 Weight: 62 kg
 Team: Manchester United
 CAPS: 40

--Mexican Impact Players--

Chicharito Hernandez is playing in Europe for Manchester United, which is one of the most dominate clubs in all of Europe. While Andres Guardado is playinf for Valencia in Mexico. Both clubs are great in the area that they play for but Chicharito Hernandez is the face of Mexican soccer. Chicharito is definatly going down as one of the greatest players Mexico has ever seen. With Hernandez being so young he has more years ahead of him to make his mark even bigger than it already is.

He has led them to winning the Gold Cup against the USA two times in a row. Guardado is a key player for Mexico though in the midfield. He has over 100 assists while playing for Mexico and a lot of those have gone to forward Hernandez. Mexico and the USA have been rivals for a long time and Mexico hopes to beat USA at D.C. with the help of these two power players. If they are to win they will need both these players to be healthy and ready to take on the USA's tough defense and even better shots to break the lines of Goalie Tim Howard. Who do you think will win? Vote now at www.foxsoccer.com.

MF Andres Guardado



Age: 26
 Birth Date: September 28, 1986
 Birth Place: Mexico City, Mexico
 Height: 5' 11"
 Weight: 60 kg
 Team: Valencia
 CAPS: 45

--Mexican Men's Roster--

Forwards

- #14 Chicharito Hernandez*
- #10 Giovanni Dos Santos
- #7 Pablo Barrera*

Midfielders

- #18 Andres Guardado*
- #16 Efrain Juarez
- #11 Angel Reyna Martinez*
- #18 Francisco Rodriguez*
- #9 Jesús De Nigris
- #13 Jesús Eduardo Zavala*
- #20 Jorge Torres
- #17 Paul Aguilar *

Defense

- #3 Carlos Salcido*
- #6 Gerardo Torrado*
- #15 Hector Moreno
- #8 Israel Castro*
- #4 Rafael Marquez

Goal Keepers

- #22 Elisa Hernandez*
- #2 Hector Reynoso



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