



Lindsey Horan has been invited to her first event as a member of the Women's National team Head Coach Tom Sermanni announced on Thursday. The 18 year old forward and Colorado Rush product will join the National team in Portugal March 3rd for the Algarve Cup.

The USA will take on Iceland, China and Sweden in group play before the knockout rounds begin. The USA team are looking to bounce back after a 1-0 loss to Japan in the 2012 Algarve Cup (their only loss of the year). Horan, who has been a main stay in the US youth teams for several years, will join the US team after her club side, PSG, take on rival Olympique Lyonnaise in the French top league. Tune in to rushsoccer.com for more on Horan in the coming weeks.

Congratulations Lindsey!! Rush Nation is proud of you and eager to see you represent your country!

Notes from Soccer America

Tom Sermanni's 23-player roster for the annual Algarve Cup March 6-13 in Portugal includes seven players based abroad, including Paris St. Germain teenager **Lindsey Horan**, who turned down a scholarship to national champion North Carolina to play in France. The notable absentee: **Hope Solo**, who has damage to ligaments in her right wrist and may need surgery.

The USA will depart for the Algarve region in Portugal on Feb. 25. Horan and fellow France-based players **Tobin Heath** (PSG) and **Megan Rapinoe** (Lyon) will join the U.S. team on March 3 after their clubs -- the two top teams in France -- clash in league play in Lyons on March 2.

Without Solo, **Nicole Barnhart**, **Jill Loyden** and uncapped **Ashlyn Harris**, who plays in Germany, will compete for the starting spot in goal.

Other foreign-based players are **Christen Press**, who scored three goals in the two friendlies against Scotland, **Yael Averbuch** and **Whitney Engen**.

The U.S. squad includes one collegian: North Carolina defender **Crystal Dunn**, a member of the USA's 2012 Under-20 Women's World Cup championship team.

Besides Solo, the only 2012 gold-medalist who was with the team for the Scotland series but will not go to Portugal is **Heather Mitts**.

The USA's first-round schedule:

- March 6: Iceland (9 a.m. ET) in Albufeira
- March 8: China (9 a.m. ET) in Albufeira
- March 11: Sweden (10 a.m. ET) in Lagos

The latter game will be the first meeting between the USA and Sweden since former U.S. head coach **Pia Sundhage** returned home to coach her native country.

The USA has won the tournament eight times in 17 previous appearances.

TELEVISION. For the first time, U.S. women's soccer fans will be able to watch the Algarve Cup matches live on television. All four U.S. matches of the Algarve Cup are being distributed in the USA by Integrated Sports Media for live viewing on both cable and satellite pay-per-view via iN Demand, Avail-TVN, DIRECTV and DISH for a suggested retail price of \$14.95 per match. Additional same-day replays will be available. Check integratedsportsnet.com for updates on the TV coverage.

U.S. Roster:

GOALKEEPERS (3): Nicole Barnhart (FC Kansas City), Ashlyn Harris (Duisburg), Jill Loyden (Sky Blue FC)

DEFENDERS (7): Rachel Buehler (Portland Thorns FC), Crystal Dunn (North Carolina), Whitney Engen (Liverpool FC), Ali Krieger (Washington Spirit), Kelley O'Hara (Sky Blue FC), Christie Rampone (Sky Blue FC), Becky Sauerbrunn (FC Kansas City)

MIDFIELDERS (8): Yael Averbuch (Gothenburg FC/SWE), Shannon Boxx (Chicago Red Stars), Lauren Cheney (FC Kansas City), Tobin Heath (Paris SG/FRA), Carli Lloyd (Western NY Flash), Kristie Mewis (FC Kansas City), Heather O'Reilly (Boston Breakers), Megan Rapinoe (Lyon/FRA)

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