



Game #13 **SAINT LOUIS ATHLETICA (5-5-2) at FC GOLD PRIDE (3-6-3)**  
 Road Game #7 **BUCK SHAW STADIUM - SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY, SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA**  
**JULY 5, 2009**

**Matchup**

Today marks the second of four meetings between these two franchises in Women’s Professional Soccer, WPS, and the first visit Athletica will make to Santa Clara this year. The first meeting resulted in a 1-0 win for Saint Louis as they notched their first victory of the year in their fifth game. Lori Chalupny’s unassisted corner kick goal was the difference in that first meeting. Today’s second meeting has clear cut playoff implications. A win for Saint Louis, who stand on 17 points, would give them an eight point cushion over FC Gold Pride, who are in last place with 12 points. The third meeting of the season will be in St. Louis on July 26 and will be televised on FSC. The fourth and final meeting will be on August 9 in Santa Clara.

**Athletica Does Everything In Pairs**

A quick glance at the Athletica schedule to the right of this page will show you that Saint Louis seems to do almost everything result wise two at a time. Athletica began the year with two losses, they followed that up with two ties, then posted two wins, had a single loss at Los Angeles, then won two in a row again, dropped two in a row for the second time this year, and won last Sunday to set themselves up for their third two game winning streak of the season if they can beat FC Gold Pride

**Eniola Aluko Finding Her Form**

England international Eniola Aluko was back on the scoresheet yet again as she provided the opening score in last Sunday’s 2-1 win over Sky Blue FC. Aluko’s goal came in just the second minute of play and was her fourth of the year. Aluko has now been directly responsible for six of Athletica’s last seven goals.

Prior to scoring in New Jersey Aluko assisted on Kerri Hanks’ goal against LA. Aluko scored the game-winner at Boston on June 14, assisted on Amanda Cinalli’s game-winner on June 7 against Sky Blue FC, and scored and forced an own goal in Chicago on May 23. Aluko also scored at Washington on May 3. Aluko is in fifth place in the WPS in goals scored and is also tied for sixth in assists with two.

**Saint Louis Looks Down Under For Scoring**

Athletica made their second trade of the season on June 26 acquiring Australian international Sarah Walsh and the rights to Ester from Sky Blue FC in exchange for Kerri Hanks and Francielle. Walsh will be available for the first time on Sunday with Athletica. Walsh has been a mainstay in the Australian lineup for several seasons and has scored at an impressive rate, 26 goals in just 57 games. Walsh has played for Australia in the 2004 Olympics and the 2007 World Cup.

**ATHLETICA 2009 SCHEDULE**

Apr. 4	Chicago Red Stars	L 0-1
Apr. 11	@Boston Breakers	L 0-2
Apr. 25	Los Angeles @ SLU	T 0-0
May 3	@Washington Freedom (FSC)	T 3-3
May 9	FC Gold Pride – Bay Area	W 1-0
May 23	@Chicago Red Stars	W 2-0
May 30	@Los Angeles Sol	L 0-2
June 7	Sky Blue FC – NJ/NY	W 1-0
June 14	@Boston Breakers (FSC)	W 1-0
June 20	Washington Freedom	L 0-1
June 24	Los Angeles Sol	L 1-2
June 28	@ Sky Blue FC - NJ/NY (FSC)	W 2-1
July 5	@FC Gold Pride - Bay Area	7:00
July 8	@Los Angeles Sol	2:00
July 18	@Washington Freedom	4:00
July 22	Sky Blue FC – NJ/NY	7:00
July 26	FC Gold Pride -Bay Area (FSC)	5:00
Aug. 1	Boston Breakers	7:00
Aug. 5	Chicago Red Stars	7:00
Aug. 9	@FC Gold Pride - Bay Area	7:00



## 2009 Saint Louis Athletica Numerical Roster

No.	Pos.	Name	Hometown
1	GK	Hope Solo	Richland, Washington
3	D	Stephanie Logterman	Austin, Texas
4	D	Sara Larrson	Kristinehamn, Sweden
5	D	Sheree Gray	Tom's River, New Jersey
6	D	Kia McNeill	Avon, Connecticut
7	M	Lisa Stoia	Shirley, New York
8	D	Tina Ellertson	Vancouver, Washington
9	F	Eniola Aluko	Birmingham, England
10	M	Daniela	Sao Paulo, Brazil
11	M	Angie Woznuk	El Cajon, California
12	D	Elise Weber	Elk Grove, Illinois
13	GK	Jillian Loyden	Vineland, New Jersey
14	D	Melissa Tancredi	Ancaster, Ontario
15	M	Amanda Cinalli	Maple Heights, Ohio
16	D	Erin Walter	Elk Grove Village, Illinois
17	M	Lori Chalupny (Captain)	St. Louis, Missouri
19	D	Niki Cross	Pembroke, Massachusetts
20	F	Ashlee Pistorius	Bloomington, Illinois
21	F	Sarah Walsh	Camden, Australia
22	GK	Erin Kane	St. Charles, Illinois
23	F	Christie Welsh	Massapequa Park, New York
24	D	Kendall Fletcher	Cary, North Carolina

### Coaching Staff:

Head Coach: Jorge Barcellos

Assistant Coach: Carlos Machado, Paul Rogers,

Athletic Trainer: Katie Chadwick

## Athletica Road Warriors

Today marks the second game of a long four-game roadtrip for Saint Louis. Following the game Sunday afternoon in Santa Clara Athletica will still not return home until July 22 when they face Sky Blue FC.

The nearly one month trip and one month lay-off between home games will see Athletica play coast-to-coast-to-coast.

After Sunday night it is on to Los Angeles for the second time this year when they face the Sol at The Home Depot Center this Wednesday, July 8.

After nearly a week in California its back home for an off weekend (July 11-12) and then on to Washington DC for a game against the Freedom at RFK Stadium on July 18.

Athletica started off this road trip with a much needed 2-1 win last week in New Jersey over Sky Blue FC.

There is a payoff to all this travel Athletica will endure. Saint Louis will have a four game homestand from July 22 to August 5 as the season winds down.

Athletica make one last road trip, August 9, to end the year at FC Gold Pride before starting the playoffs which may or may not involve more road travel.

## **LAST MATCH REPORT (June 28 at New Jersey)**

Saint Louis Athletica wasted no time getting on the scoreboard in New Jersey as Eniola Aluko notched an opening strike in just the second minute of action but it was Elise Weber's game-winner in the 84th minute that gave Saint Louis a 2-1 win at Yurcak Field at Rutgers University. Call it the 'luck of the Irish' as Weber, a University of Notre Dame product, struck for a most unexpected late goal that gave three crucial points to Athletica and moved them into third place in the WPS. Weber, who came into the game in the 79th minute for Tina Ellertson, found an opening and took a chance that paid off.

"I saw (Melissa) Tancredi take the throw in and their defender was paying attention to her so I just made the run and hoped for something good," said Weber. The goal was her first as a professional. "I was just looking to get it across the goal and be dangerous with it."

The ball certainly was dangerous as it arced from the right side of the penalty area to the back post. The cross/shot left Sky Blue FC's Jenni Branam flat-footed on her line and she could only turn to see it curve into the far side netting well inside the near post. Melissa Tancredi was credited with the assist.

Saint Louis had been able to make Aluko's opener stick until Julianne Sitch equalized for Sky Blue in the 76th minute.

## Connections

Athletica and FC Gold Pride are no strangers to each other. Here are some of the more notable connections that these two teams share.

- Athletica's Hope Solo and Lori Chalupny and FC Gold Pride's Nicole Barnhart and Rachel Buehler are all gold medalists from the 2008 Olympic Games.
- Athletica defender Stephanie Logterman and FC Gold Pride midfielder Tina DiMartino were on the 2006 U.S. U-20 World Cup Championship team.
- Athletica's Lori Chalupny, Angie Woznuk and Kendall Fletcher along with FC Gold Pride's Leslie Osborne and Rachel Buehler were on the 2002 United States U-19 World Cup Championship team.
- Lori Chalupny, Hope Solo, Tina Ellertson, Leslie Osborne, and Nicole Barnhart were all teammates together on the 2007 United States World Cup team.
- Athletica's Sheree Gray, Stephanie Logterman, and Angie Woznuk and FC Gold Pride's Rachel Buehler were members of the 2004 U-19 U.S. Women's World Cup Team that finished third in Thailand.
- Hope Solo and Brandi Chastain were teammates on the 2004 gold medal winning U.S. Olympic team.

## 10 Facts About Sara Walsh

Here are 10 quick facts about Athletica's newest member.

- Walsh was a member of Australia's National Team at the World Cup in China in 2007. Walsh appeared in all four of Australia's matches at the World Cup and scored against Ghana in the group stage opener.
- During World Cup qualifying in 2007 Walsh earned five caps and scored twice.
- Walsh was one of five players short-listed for the 2007 AFC Women's Asian Player of the Year.
- Walsh played in the AFC Asian Women's Cup for Australia in Adelaide in 2006.
- Walsh was a member of Australia's Olympic Soccer Team in Athens. in 2004.
- Started in all four of Australia's Olympic games in Greece that year.
- Selected with the 7th pick in the first round of the WPS International Draft by Sky Blue FC.
- Appeared in five games scoring one goal and one assist for Sky Blue FC in 2009.
- Traded to Saint Louis Athletica in exchange for Kerri Hanks and Francielle on June 26.
- Walsh has played for the following clubs in Australia; Sydney FC, Queensland Sting, NSW Sapphires, NSW Jets, Gunners United, and Ruse SC.

## Athletica and FC Gold Pride Side-by-Side

Saint Louis Athletica and FC Gold Pride have a few things in common in the statistics department. Most notably both teams have scored 11 goals in 12 games but they have arrived at those totals in slightly different ways. FC Gold Pride scored seven of their eleven goals in their first six games. Saint Louis has been more consistent scoring six of their eleven in the first six games and five of their eleven goals in their last six games.

Both Saint Louis and FC Gold Pride have a negative goal differential. Saint Louis is a -1 while FC Gold Pride is a -6. FC Gold Pride has allowed the second most goals in the WPS with 17. Athletica allowed the third fewest with 12.

Both teams feature a forward among the league leaders in goals scored. Athletica's Eniola Aluko has four goals which is fifth best in the WPS and Chritine Sinclair has five goals which is tied for third in the league.

Both clubs feature U.S. Women's National Team goalkeepers. Hope Solo for Saint Louis and Nicole Barnhart for FC Gold Pride. Solo is third in the WPS with 53 saves and Barnhart is fourth with 46. Solo has four shutouts while Barnhart has two.

## Athletica Injury Report

- Hope Solo -A
- Stephanie Logterman -A
- Sara Larsson -A
- Sheree Gray -A
- Kia McNeill -A
- Lisa Stoia -A
- Tina Ellertson -A
- Eniola Aluko -A
- Daniela -U (I - IR; knee, cracked tibia, out indefinitely)
- Angie Woznuk -A
- Elise Weber -A
- Jillian Loyden -A
- Melissa Tancredi -A
- Amanda Cinalli -A
- Erin Walter -A
- Lori Chalupny -A
- Niki Cross -A
- Ashlee Pistorius - A (not traveling)
- Sarah Walsh - U (I-knee)
- Erin Kane - A (not traveling)
- Christie Welsh -A
- Kendall Fletcher -A

Key: A=Active, Q=Questionable, I=Injured, O=Other  
U=Unavailable

## Athletica Trends

Twelve games into the season some trends have emerged while other early trends appear to be reversing or correcting themselves while on other areas there is no logical trend. Here are a few of the notable trends.

- The number of shots Athletica take in a game has no bearing at all on the result. In the first three games of the year Saint Louis outshot their opposition at a 2-1 rate or better (15-7, 14-7, and 17-8) and they posted a record of 0-2-1. Athletica were then outshot at a near 2-to-1 margin or better in a six game span from May 3 to June 14 (28-15 at Washington, 12-6 vs. FC Gold Pride, 12-5 at Chicago, 16-8 at Los Angeles, 14-10 against Sky Blue FC, and 17-7 at Boston) and posted a 4-1-1 record. In two games since they have outshot LA and lost and been outshot by Sky Blue and won. Athletica are a remarkable 5-1-1 overall when being outshot nearly 2-to-1.
- The Athletica defense has conceded goals lately. In the last three games Saint Louis has allowed four goals, all coming in the second half. Prior to this three game trend Athletica posted four wins and four shutouts over a five game span. It is worth noting that in 12 games Athletica have allowed just two first half goals yet have given up 10 second half goals.
- Angie Wozniak has started and recorded a full 90 minutes in each game this year, playing 1,080 consecutive minutes.
- Saint Louis just might prefer to play on the road. Athletica have the second best road record in the league with a 3-2-1 mark. Los Angeles has a 3-1-2 record. Athletica's 10 points earned on the road represent 59% of their total points. Conversely Saint Louis is 2-3-1 at home, which makes their eight goals allowed on the road and just four allowed at home completely contrary to their home vs. road point totals.
- Athletica have had each of their two game winning streaks snapped with a loss this year and they have yet to have a losing streak worse than two. Their best unbeaten streak has been four games, two ties and two wins, while their best five game stretch has been four wins in five. The worst winless streak they have suffered is four.
- Athletica have set a bizarre trend of winning games in which they manage two shots on goal or fewer. Last week against Sky Blue FC Saint Louis posted a 2-1 win and had just two shots on goal. On May 23rd in Chicago Athletica managed just one shot on goal yet won 2-0, the other goal being an own-goal charged to Chicago. The most shots on goal Saint Louis has managed thus far is 10, and they lost that game 2-1 to Los Angeles.

### Playoff Hunt In WPS Is Wide Open

Athletica climbed one spot in the standings last week and now sit on 17 points. Saint Louis cannot fall from a playoff position this weekend since they are three points clear of 5th place Chicago and five points clear of both Sky Blue FC in sixth place and FC Gold Pride in seventh.

A win could move Saint Louis up into second place pending the result of Boston's game with Sky Blue FC on Saturday. A Boston loss or tie would open the door for Athletica to move back into second.

Los Angeles is just three points shy of clinching a playoff berth, which they can do on Sunday with a win regardless of other results. Los Angeles needs just nine points to clinch the league's regular season title. Chicago jumped from last to fifth with an impressive mid-week win over Washington ending a nine-game winless streak

	GP	W	L	T	PTS
LA	15	10	1	4	34
BOS	12	5	4	3	18
STL	12	5	5	2	17
<b>WAS</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>16</b>
CHI	14	3	6	5	14
SBFC	12	3	6	3	12
BAY	13	2	6	3	12

Table as of July 2

### Athletica Host 2009 WPS All-Star Game

Women's Professional Soccer announced Thursday that The Anheuser-Busch Soccer Park in Fenton, MO, will be the site of the 2009 WPS All-Star Game on August 30, 2009, eight days after the WPS Championship is played on August 22. The game will be televised live nationally on Fox Soccer Channel and regionally on select Fox Sports Net affiliates (check local listings), starting at 5:00 p.m. ET with a half-hour pre-game show prior to kick-off at 5:30. The league will employ a unique format for this inaugural WPS All-Star Game by selecting one WPS All-Star team of 18 players, who will face off against Sweden's Umea IK from the Swedish First Division. Umea are currently on top of the table in their league.

"This is very exciting and I am so glad the fans here are being rewarded with the first WPS All-Star game," said Athletica Team Captain Lori Chalupny. "Having the best female talent come together in my hometown which has so much soccer history is just a perfect fit.

"St. Louis has such a rich soccer tradition and great fans that we thought it would make for a terrific location – right in the heart of America – for our first WPS All-Star Game," said Commissioner Tonya Antonucci.

**Womens Professional Soccer Individual Stats**  
Last Updated 7/1/2009 at 9:30:30PM**Saint Louis Athletica Goalie Stats**

Name	MP	Min	GA	GA/Gm	PKM	PKF	Sh	SOG	Sv	Sv%	YC	RC
Jillian Loyden	1	90	0	.00	0	0	12	6	6	100%	0	0
Hope Solo	11	990	12	1.09	0	1	154	66	53	80%	0	0
<b>Team Total</b>	12	1080	12	1.00	0	1	166	72	59	82%	0	0

**Saint Louis Athletica Player Stats**

Name	MP	Min	G	A	PK	Sh	SOG	SOG%	Crs	CK	Off	FC	FS	YC	RC
Eniola Aluko	12	944	4	2	0	27	13	48%	23	0	21	6	6	1	0
Lori Chalupny	11	990	1	1	0	27	15	56%	13	28	2	14	28	0	0
Amanda Cinalli	5	376	1	0	0	3	1	33%	2	0	1	2	1	1	0
Niki Cross	5	244	0	0	0	0	0	0%	4	0	0	5	0	0	0
Daniela	4	318	2	0	0	15	5	33%	4	8	0	9	3	1	0
Tina Ellertson	12	1028	0	0	0	5	0	0%	3	0	0	10	2	0	0
Kendall Fletcher	8	618	0	2	0	1	1	100%	1	0	0	5	9	0	0
Francielle	6	320	0	0	0	5	1	20%	3	0	0	7	4	0	0
Sheree Gray	4	122	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	1	3	0	0
Kerri Hanks	10	587	1	1	0	15	6	40%	1	4	4	4	8	0	0
Sara Larsson	10	642	0	0	0	1	0	0%	1	0	0	3	1	0	0
Stephanie Logterman	5	450	0	0	0	1	0	0%	3	0	0	1	1	0	0
Jillian Loyden	1	90	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kia McNeill	11	937	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	8	5	3	0
Ashlee Pistorius	3	34	0	0	0	1	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hope Solo	11	990	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Lisa Stoia	8	574	0	0	0	3	1	33%	0	0	0	1	2	0	0
Melissa Tancredi	8	502	0	1	0	9	5	56%	3	0	0	11	3	1	0
Erin Walter	1	20	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Elise Weber	10	639	1	0	0	3	1	33%	4	0	0	5	2	3	0
Christie Welsh	8	390	0	0	0	13	3	23%	3	0	1	1	2	0	0
Angie Woznuk	12	1080	0	0	0	9	2	22%	16	4	2	4	2	0	0
<b>Team Total</b>	165	11895	10	7	0	138	54	39%	84	44	31	97	84	10	0