

Heat Wave Soccer All Stars (6308) Press Release

Professional soccer players Marci Jobson, Samantha Johnson, and Havana Solaun will be touring with Armed Forces Entertainment (AFE) as the Soccer All Stars, part of AFE's annual Heat Wave summer event series. The tour will feature 6 shows from June 12-23 at bases across the Western Hemisphere.

Marci Jobson

Jobson played for the Chicago Cobras of the W-League for four seasons, 1. FFC Turbine Potsdam of the women's German Bundesliga for one season, and the Atlanta Beat of the WUSA for three seasons. In 2004, she played for the W-League's Charlotte Eagles and Atlanta Silverbacks. Jobson made her first appearance for the U.S. Women's National Team against Canada in June 2005, making her the second-oldest American player to earn her first cap. In July 2007, she was chosen for the U.S. 2007 FIFA Women's World Cup squad. Jobson grew up in St. Charles, Illinois, where she led St. Charles East High School to two state soccer championships. She first attended and played college soccer for the University of Wisconsin–Madison; after two years, she transferred to Southern Methodist University. Jobson was named head coach at Northern Illinois for the 2004 season, where her husband Paul was an assistant coach. She and Paul co-coached at Baylor University, with Marci contributing a record of 78-43-24 from 2008-14 as Baylor's co-head coach. She stepped down to assistant coach in 2014, and both resigned at the end of 2021 with a combined record of 97-57-26, including back-to-back trips to the Elite Eight in 2017 and 2018. She and Paul currently run the Jobson Soccer Academy.

Samantha Johnson

Johnson represented the United States at the U-15, U-16, U-17, and U-18 levels. In 2008, Johnson was named to the United States roster for the 2008 CONCACAF Women's U-17 Championship, the U.S. won the Championship for the first time. Johnson was named to the roster for the 2008 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup, where the United States finished second after losing in extra time to North Korea in the Championship game. Johnson began her professional career with the Chicago Red Stars in the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) in 2014, making over 90 appearances before being traded to Utah Royals FC in 2018. Johnson played most of her career as a defender and midfielder. Johnson joined Melbourne City FC in Australia's W-League in November 2020, where she played through the 2020–21 season and won the league championship. In August 2021, she played for ASJ Soyaux in France's Division 1 Féminine. Johnson attended the University of Southern California (USC), where she played college soccer for the USC Trojans from 2009 to 2012, appearing in 83 matches and scoring 10 goals.

Havana Solaun

Solaun was drafted 15th overall by Seattle Reign FC in the second round of the 2015 NWSL College Draft but missed the season due to a broken ankle. Playing primarily as a midfielder, she made her professional debut in 2016 with Seattle before being traded to Washington Spirit in November 2016, where she remained through 2018. In 2019, she briefly played for Norwegian club Klepp IL. In 2020, she signed with Paris FC, then joined Apollon Ladies for their UEFA Women's Champions League campaign before signing with North Carolina Courage from 2020 to 2022. Solaun signed with Houston Dash as a free agent in January 2023 on a contract through 2024, serving as a key midfield option during her time there. Her NWSL tenure also included participation in the NWSL Challenge Cup, with 3 appearances. Solaun's collegiate career at the University of Florida from 2011 to 2014 was marked by significant achievements, including ranking among the top 10 in program history for goals (30), assists (32), game-winning goals (11), and points (92). As a freshman in 2011, she earned a spot on the Southeastern Conference (SEC) All-Freshman Team and contributed 22 points with 7 goals in her debut season, while also making the SEC Academic Honor Roll. Solaun was selected for the U.S. U-23 Women's National Team training camp in Spain. Prior to college, Solaun was a member of the 2010 U.S. U-17 Women's National Team, helping them tie for third at the CONCACAF U-17 Women's Championship. Internationally, Solaun switched to playing for Jamaica Women's National Team in 2018, debuting in 2019 ahead of the country's inaugural Women's World Cup appearance. She earned at least 14 caps for the Reggae Girlz including 4 World Cup matches (1 goal), 3 more in the 2023 World Cup, 5 in the CONCACAF W Championship (1 assist), and additional friendlies, with a total of 2 international goals. Her World Cup contributions highlighted Jamaica's breakthrough, with the 2019 goal standing as a milestone in the team's history. Solaun's dual heritage—American birth and Jamaican roots through family—enabled her eligibility.

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