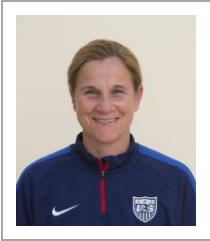
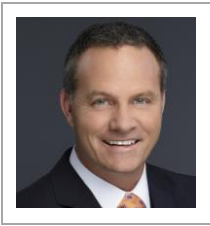


# Panelists



**Jill Ellis** is a soccer coach who is currently the head coach of the United States Women's National Soccer Team and a development director of the United States Soccer Federation, overseeing the national youth teams' development program. In 2015, the United States Women's National Soccer Team won the World Cup Championship under her leadership. Ellis was appointed head coach on May 16, 2014. She has also served as head coach for various university and United States national youth teams over the years.



## **Eric Wynalda**

Eric was inducted into the U.S. National Soccer Hall of Fame in 2004 after an extraordinary professional, international, and collegiate career. He scored the first goal in the newly formed MLS and played for the Miami Fusion, New England Revolution, and Chicago Fire. Internationally he played for Bundesliga club Saarbrücken and the U.S. Men's National Team where he scored 24 goals in 106 caps.

### **Broadcasting Career:**

From 2001-2008 he served as match commentator and studio analyst on ESPN's coverage of the FIFA World Cup, MLS, and NCAA College Cup.

In 2009 he joined Fox Soccer as studio analyst and served as co-host of *FOX Football Fone-In* and as host of the network's World Cup preview show, *Passport to South Africa*. In May 2010, he played an integral role as an on-site correspondent for both FOX Soccer and FOX Sports' coverage of the UEFA Champions League Final in Madrid. In 2014 he called UEFA Champions League final, live from Lisbon's Stadium of Light.

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**Pádraig Smith** is the Sporting Director for the Colorado Rapids of MLS. He joined the Rapids in January 2015 having spent 3 ½ years in Switzerland with UEFA working on Financial Fair Play. Originally from Ireland, Pádraig spent 5 years with the Football Association of Ireland as Internal compliance Officer and then Head of Finance. He has served as a member of the ‘European Professional Football League’ (EPFL) Finance Committee and the UEFA Club Licensing and Financial Fair Play Steering Committee. A keen amateur footballer, skier and cyclist Pádraig is a Chartered Accountant (CPA) and a member of the Marketing Institute of Ireland.



## **Robert Elstone Everton Football Club:**

In 2009 Robert was appointed CEO after having served as Deputy CEO since 2005. During his tenure he introduced a number of key strategic, organizational and structural initiatives that have led to improved financial performance, greater stability in the business and a strong, empowered management team. He has also helped drive substantial commercial process in retail, sponsorship – the club’s record Chang deal, and ticketing and is now leading the club’s search for a new stadium.

## **Other Prominent Positions:**

Prior to joining Everton FC, Robert served as Director of the Sports Business Group with Deloitte and as Director of Football Business Affairs at BSKyB. Among his clients were Juventus, Nike, Norwich City FC, the Scottish Premier League, and rugby’s Super League.

## **Athletic Accomplishments:**

Represents Great Britain in the duathlon.  
Climbed 21,000 ft. peak in the Himalayas.