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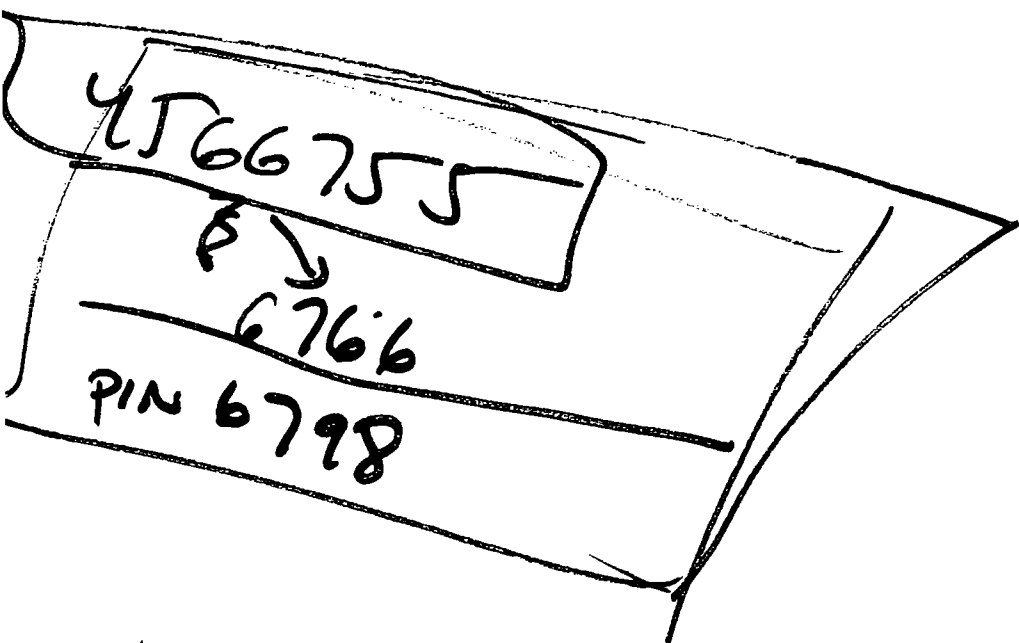
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Hamm in the heat of battle during the final

MICHAEL O'NEILL/USA TODAY

90,185 fans attended the sold-out final game of the Women's World Cup between the U.S. and China, setting a record for a women's sporting event

650,000 tickets were purchased for the 32 matches, bringing in almost \$23 million

2.9 million households watched the U.S. beat Brazil on July 4, giving it a higher TV rating than game 7 of the NHL's Stanley Cup finals

19 companies ponied up \$6 million for sponsorship rights

100,000 girls began playing soccer between 1990 and 1997

The matches at
flocks of young

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...and Thrille



Scurry and Renard
off a Chinese shot,
making the win possible

DAVID MADISON/NEWSPIRIT

In the flush of victory, the
team swamps Chastain

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In a dazzling World Cup final, the team that captivated the country defeats China. Behind the win—and how they're taking women's sports to the next level.
BY MARK STARR AND MARTHA BRANT



AFTER 120 MINUTES, INCLUDING two overtime periods, victory lay at the feet of 30-year-old Brandi Chastain, a flamboyant, ponytailed blonde known by her teammates as Holly Wood. The United States and China were locked in a scoreless tie. In a best-of-five shoot-out, four Americans had blasted the ball past the Chinese goalie. U.S. goalkeeper Briana Scurry had made a diving fingertip save deflecting a Chinese shot. The game—the Women's World Cup final—had come down to a single penalty kick. Chastain approached the ball and barely hesitated before drilling her shot perfectly into the upper right corner of the net. As frenzied fans in Pasadena, Calif.'s Rose Bowl roared, she whipped off her

'Soccer mom' Fawcett spent her downtime with her husband and daughters

shirt and waved it at the crowd before being buried in celebration by a pile of her teammates. "I didn't hear any noise. I didn't look at the [Chinese goalkeeper]," she said of her shot. "As soon as the whistle blew, I just stepped up and hit it. I just kind of lost my mind." She called stripping down to her black sports bra "momentary insanity."

It was a delirious moment—one that enthralled sports fans, especially young girls, and which may mark a new high for women's sports. Some 650,000 tickets were sold to the 32 Women's World Cup matches. More than 90,000 fans packed the final game alone, making it the biggest event in the history of women's sports. Record TV

audiences tuned in. In the stadiums and on the tube, the air was filled with a novel sound: the high-pitched chanting of soccer-loving, Mia Hamm-worshipping girls. It wasn't just in the stands. From suburban soccer fields far and wide came a new battle cry: Girls Rule! And for every teenage girl swept up in the frenzy, there was a dad whose love of sports was reinvigorated. And even boys donned jerseys with Hamm's number 9 on them.

The passion went beyond Hamm and Chastain and Scurry. It included the entire team—and perhaps all female athletes. World Cup Fever seemed to signal that 27 years after Title IX legislation mandated equal financing for girls' athletics, women's team sports have truly arrived. Sports fans thrilled to the spectacle of charismatic fe-

By Leaps and Bounds

In 1900 women competed in the Olympics for the first time (below)—but only in the "genteel" sports of tennis and golf. That set off a century of rapid growth in women's sports. Some high points:

1920 American Ethelda Bleibtrey wins three gold medals as women compete in Olympic swimming for the first time.

Storming the court



1924 Aviator Elinor Smith is the first woman pictured on a Wheaties box.

1927 Introducing choreography into free-skate programs,



Cereal first

track and field at the Los Angeles Olympics.

1943 The All American Girls Pro-

Sonja Henie wins her first world title.

1932 Babe Didriksen Zaharias wins two golds and a silver in

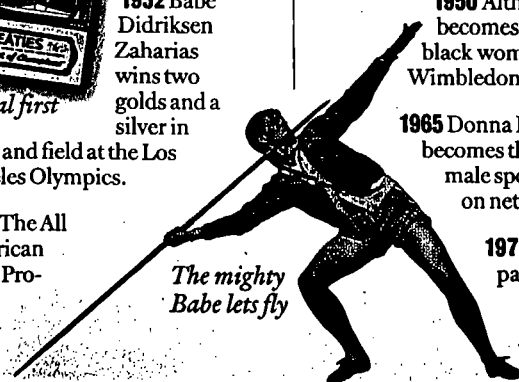
The mighty Babe lets fly

professional Baseball League (of "A League of Their Own" fame) begins 12 years of play.

1950 Althea Gibson becomes the first black woman to win Wimbledon.

1965 Donna De Varona becomes the first female sportscaster on network TV.

1972 Title IX is passed, ban-





JOHN TODD—AP

male athletes. The players, in turn, discovered that they—young, muscular women of surpassing skill—had become a new kind of national hero. “We came to understand that this World Cup wasn’t just about us making it to Pasadena and winning,” said Hamm. “This is a historic event far beyond any single result. If we lose sight of that, everything we did would be for nothing.”

Along the way, they learned a lot—and taught the rest of us lessons, too. In an era when the egos of male athletes are dwarfed only by their paychecks, the World Cup women, minimum wagers by pro-sports standards, reminded the country that sports superstars can be gracious and grateful. On the field, the team showed us leadership and teamwork—and they kicked butt.

The World Cup women’s remarkable saga

With women, DiCicco believes in ‘coaching positive’ and using humor

began long before the triumph at the Rose Bowl, and their story sheds light on the fascinating—and increasingly popular—world of female athletes. It’s a culture governed, at least in part, by a precept of Hamm’s: “Coach us like men,” she says, “but treat us like women.” The journey really began at the ’95 World Cup in Sweden, where America’s defending champions were booted in the semifinals 1-0 by Norway. They watched, humiliated, as the Norwegians danced up and down the field in a celebratory conga line. “Right there and then we vowed to never let this happen again,” says assistant coach Lauren Gregg. “All we talked about was what we could do individually and col-

lectively to regain our position as No. 1.”

When Tony DiCicco took over as head coach in ’94, he inherited a squad of mature players—and mature women. By the time this World Cup rolled around, most of his key players were in their 30s and late 20s; many had careers, some had husbands, and two key defenders, Carla Overbeck and Joy Fawcett, had young children. DiCicco, who once coached with the men’s national junior team, recognized that the women responded superbly to challenges, but terribly to chastisement. “Men can absorb tough criticism because they don’t really believe it anyway,” he says. “Women believe it and take it to heart. So I tried to coach positive.”

DiCicco clung to that belief throughout the World Cup. At postgame video sessions, the team was never shown replays of



Korbut charms the world

ning sex discrimination in federally funded school programs, including sports. At the time, 1 in 27 high-school girls plays sports. Also that year: Soviet gymnast Olga Korbut wins the

gold medal at the Olympics. And: Mia Hamm is born.

1973 Fifty million people watch Billie Jean King defeat Bobby Riggs in the “Battle of the Sexes” tennis match.

1988 Jackie Joyner-Kersey wins two gold medals at the Seoul Olympics, and is called the best female athlete in the world.

Joyner-Kersey



1991 The U.S. Women’s Soccer team wins the first Women’s World Cup.

1995 Tennis player Mary Pierce is the first woman to have a signature Nike shoe, the Air Vitesse.

1996 One in three high-school girls plays sports. At the Atlanta Olympics,

U.S. takes hockey gold



the U.S. women’s basketball, soccer and softball teams all win gold. The WNBA is launched.

1999 The United States hosts the third Women’s World Cup, one of the biggest women’s sporting events to date. But pay disparities remain: the U.S. women each get \$12,500 if they win; the American men would have nabbed \$388,000 each had they won the 1998 Cup.

its gaffes, like the goal the United States inadvertently scored for Germany. Instead DiCicco showcased only the players' best moves and winning decisions, a tactic he calls "catching them being good."

To build team unity, he used mental exercises designed by psychologist Colleen Hacker. A few years ago she had players lead blindfolded teammates down a treacherous cliff. And only a few days before the China showdown, the team formed a line after practice and tried to move in perfect symmetry while holding balloons between their bodies. Hacker also worked to bolster individual confidence. Shortly before the Cup began, each player was given an "imaging" tape, a short video of her skills choreographed to music of her choice. Chastain picked Ricky Martin. During the week of the final, inspirational quotes were slipped under the players' doors every day. "This is not a female thing," says Hacker. "This is an elite athlete thing."

Roommates were switched at every stop on the World Cup road to prevent cliques from forming. As the tourney progressed, the imaging tapes, designed to be watched in private, were shown in groups. Perhaps because women athletes are often more flexible and open to innovation, these techniques seemed to work. When DiCicco gave the team a night off shortly before the final, he was pleased that they stuck together for dinner at a neighborhood Mexican joint.

The U.S. women were being asked not just to win the Cup, but also to sell it to the American public—double duty male athletes have undertaken for decades. The team was willing, but Hacker still created a "permission card," a "get-out-of-jail free" card that players could flash to avoid promotional appearances that would cut into soccer preparations. No one used the card to better advantage than Hamm, probably the most reluctant superstar in modern sports. Though she appeared at clinics, autograph sessions and promotions, she refused photo shoots for many high-profile publications. "This isn't all about me," said Hamm. "I won't bear the entire responsibility for my gender and my sport. I can't carry that much weight. I'm not that strong a person." Despite evidence to the contrary—she's the highest-scoring woman

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Two and only: the Williams sisters

Who Will We Want to Be Like Next?

MICHAEL JORDAN, Wayne Gretzky and John Elway were more than just superstars; they were American heroes. And one by one, they called it quits this year. Mia Hamm has already stepped up to take their place. Tim Duncan, if he finds the charisma, could join her. And, of course, there's Tiger Woods, who keeps showing us things we've never seen before. Who else? Here are some of the athletes who could become the next generation of sports heroes, a group likely to include more non-Americans and more women than ever before.

Kobe Bryant, 20

BASKETBALL

New Lakers coach Phil Jackson's Zen discipline could be the best thing that ever hap-

pened to Bryant's pretty face and raw talent. If Kobe reins in his shot selection, his teammates will adore him as much as the fans do.

Kevin Garnett, 25

BASKETBALL

Minnesota's Garnett is the most athletic 7-footer the NBA's ever seen. Strong, nimble and fanatical about winning, he has a harder edge than Duncan or Bryant. That gives him (and 76er Allen Iverson) more street cred than the other two.

Chamique Holdstock, 21

BASKETBALL

Vying for the title of world's top female athlete, there's Mia, Marion—and Meek. She's already tearing up the WNBA with her Jordanesque spin moves and made-

away jumpers. And she wears No. 23.

Derek Jeter, 25

BASEBALL

Someday Jeter's jersey number (2) will follow him in retirement. Until then, the Yankee shortstop will challenge yearly for the MVP award. He's a notorious Nice Guy who's easy on the eyes, and he's got the magazine covers to prove it.

Alex Rodriguez, 23

BASEBALL

A-Rod is what baseball calls a "five-tool" player.

Making tracks: Jones won every race she ran in 1998



power, batting average, speed, glove arm—and they're all top notch. Mets fans hope he'll bolt Seattle for New York, where he could play in a larger Latino market and create, with his buddy Jeter, an epic cross-town rivalry.

Vanessa Atter, 17

GYMNASTICS

America's best hope for the individual all-around gold medal in Sydney is one tough cookie: when Chinese gymnast Sang Lan was paralyzed attempting a vault, Atter was warming up nearby. "I wasn't scared," she said later. "Lots of people fear things. I didn't." Atter won the event.

Peyton Manning, 23

FOOTBALL

NFL heroes are usually quarterbacks. So with Elway gone and Dan Marino not far behind, look for Peyton to take their place. A polite Southerner, the Colts quarterback always says the right thing—and always throws the ball to the right place.

Paul Kariya, 24

HOCKEY

Disney's mightiest Duck is the closest thing the NHL

has to Wayne Gretzky. Which is why Anaheim made the speedy forward a \$10 million-a-year man.

Sergio Garcia, 19

GOLF

A cocky Spaniard whose ferocious style has earned him the nickname "El Niño," he recently won the Irish Open in his sixth tournament as a pro. That's just one more than it took Tiger to notch his first victory.

Se Ri Pak, 21

GOLF

After Pak's unforgettable U.S. Open victory last year, Asians began flocking to root her on. Aussie Karrie Webb might be a better golfer, but this bubbly, big-hitting South Korean's *much* more exciting. And no one male or female plays better under pressure.

Marion Jones, 23

TRACK AND FIELD

America's top sprinter says when she runs it feels like she's cutting through clouds. Cocky enough to remind you how fast she is, sweet enough to be generous with her growing celebrity, Marion's got



Mr. Congeniality:
New York's Jeter

Sydney 2000—and five gold medals—in her sights.

Venus Williams, 19, and Serena Williams, 17

TENNIS

Chiseled frames and 120-mph serves, sleek dresses and those iconic hair beads—the twins never seen anything like them. Neither girl has won a major title yet, but expect ones soon. They're already swimming in endorsement deals (Reebok snapped up Venus at 14) and giving African-Americans the best reason to care about tennis since Arthur Ashe.

Michelle Kwan, 18

FIGURE SKATING

America loves its ice queens, and it loves a gutsy story. So Kwan's determination to win the gold medal at the 2002 Olympics—after her crushing loss to Tara Lipinski in the '98 Games—should keep the graceful Kwan near and dear for a while. To get that gold, though, she may have to fight off 14-year-old American Naomi Nani Nam.

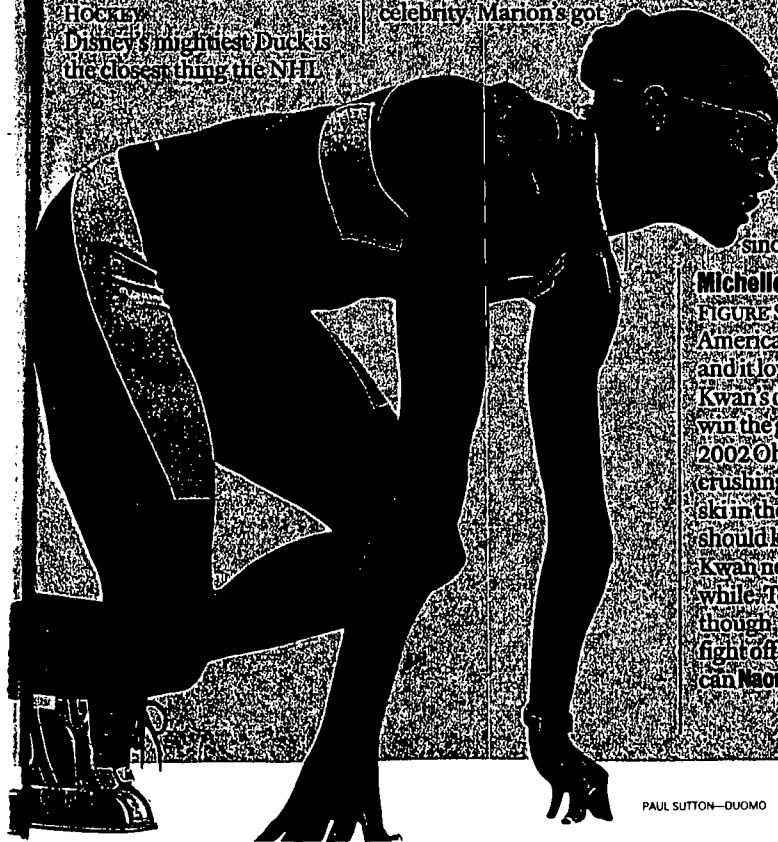
DEVIN GORDON

in the history of international soccer—Hamm refuses to acknowledge that she's a player with unique gifts. In fact, after the semifinal triumph against Brazil, in which Michelle Akers scored on a penalty kick, Hamm volunteered the remarkable confession that she doesn't take penalty kicks because "I lack confidence." Raised in a military family and married to a Marine pilot (who was granted special leave to fly home from Japan for the final), Hamm sees herself as a solid cog in a remarkably powerful machine. "People don't want to hear that I'm no better than my teammates," she told NEWSWEEK. "They want me to say, 'I'm this or I'm that,' but I'm not. Everything I am I owe to this team."

Despite the growing pressure of competition, the team seemed to have no trouble lightening up, at least off the field. Many a free moment was spent discussing the fine points of the latest Austin Powers movie. The finer points of defender Chastain were not neglected either, after she posed nude with just a single discreetly placed soccer ball for Gear, a lowbrow men's magazine. "I ran my ass off for this body," she said.

As the tournament unfolded, the trust and selflessness DiCicco had hoped to foster took hold. Starters, even stars, from the '96 U.S. Olympic gold-medal team, accepted diminished roles without a public gripe or a snide aside. After Shannon MacMillan came off the bench to break a scoreless tie with a goal and two assists against North Korea, she refused to lobby for a starting job. Instead, she said, "I'm going to do anything I'm asked for this team. My heart and soul is with it."

As the team advanced and World Cup Fever began to grow, the players found themselves dealing with new pressures, ones that couldn't be waved away with a permission card. Throughout the tourney, the team needed aliases to check into hotels. (Akers was "Pig Farmer"; team comic Foudy was "Happy Gilmore"; Memphis's Cindy Parlow was "Elvis.") Last week the team needed a four-motorcycle escort to get past the throngs around the practice field. As Denmark, Nigeria, North Korea and Germany all fell to the United States, some nerves began to fray. Kate Sobrero, at 22 the youngest starter on the team, fretted about guys—"breathers," she called them—hanging out in hotel lobbies. Akers, the oldest starter at 33, was more perturbed by the little girls who waited for her outside bathroom stalls. "It's harder to draw the line between personal space and being respectful and



PAUL SUTTON—DUOMO

friendly to the public," she said. Akers injured her shoulder when a fan in Foxboro, Mass., grabbed her hand during a high-five and wouldn't let go. Still, Akers insisted the team sign autographs rather than run for the bus after a recent practice. "I've been getting hate e-mail through my Web page saying we've been mean because we're not signing," she said. "People take it personally."

Hamm had insisted throughout that there was plenty of talent backstopping her, and the win over China was an ensemble triumph. The 5-foot-10 Akers controlled the center of the field, outjumping and outmuscling the smaller Chinese. Akers was knocked out of the final game in the second half, suffering from heat prostration and stunned by a collision with goalkeeper Scurry. With Akers sidelined during the overtime periods, the Chinese picked up their offense. Then, with only minutes to go, a Chinese attacker fired a header past Scurry toward the left corner of the net. But Kristine Lilly, positioned perfectly on the goal line, headed the ball to safety.

Scurry turned out to be the team's secret weapon. Though a five-year veteran who had started 86 international games, she was largely anonymous—until the World Cup. In the final, her critical stop of a Chinese penalty kick set the stage for Chastain's winning goal. "I knew I just had to make one save," Scurry says, "because my teammates would make their shots." She was right: all five of the U.S. veterans—Overbeck, Fawcett, Lilly, Hamm and Chastain—delivered, winning the U.S. team a place in sports history.

With the Cup now over, there will be both glorious predictions (a women's pro league) and dire warnings. "One thing we learned in the '94 World Cup [also in the United States] is that the circus comes to town and



Hamm was right; she wasn't the only star on this team of champions

then it leaves," says Alexi Lalas, a star of the U.S. men's team. At the very least, women's soccer should experience the Mary Lou Retton Effect. Right after Mary Lou landed her perfect vault and the gold medal at the '84 Olympics, little girls swamped gyms across the country to emulate her. With 100,000 girls taking up soccer between 1990 and 1997, there'll be no shortage of Mia wannabes. It wasn't just the thrilling on-field performances that made this so big. Shrewd and relentless marketing—by corporate giants like adidas and Allstate—also raised the tournament to another level. No ad helped the sport make that quantum leap more than Gatorade's ubiquitous "I can do better" spot, which paired Hamm with Michael

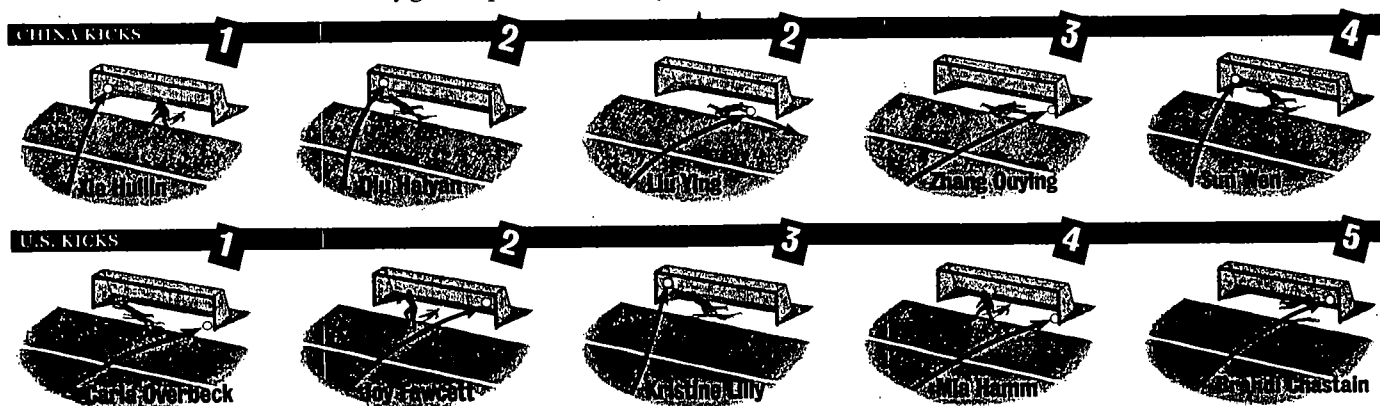
Jordan. The two superstars square off in a series of sports contests, from tennis to martial arts, with Mia matching Michael move for move. "You have the greatest icon of American sports put alongside this woman who's saying, 'I can beat you,'" says Rick Burton, a professor at the University of Oregon's Warsaw Marketing Center. "That's incredibly important to the women's sports movement."

Of course, we've heard "I can beat you" from trash-talking male athletes for years. But the U.S. women's soccer team spoke eloquently to the country. With both their game and their behavior, they told us they care about winning, they care about excellence. And they care about their fans. It's the team's moment, and the phenomenon may just go into overtime.

With SAM REGISTER

The Last 10 Shots: Breaking Down the Shoot-Out Victory

After nearly two hours of intense play in a scoreless game, the 1999 Women's World Cup title came down to penalty shots, five each by China and the United States. A save by goalkeeper Briana Scurry and a final kick from Brandi Chastain brought victory home.



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Let me tell you why I think that's important. It's because, as you've shown, the real test of your mettle isn't just whether you win. It's whether you get on the field, or the court, or the track, and compete. And in the case of women athletes, particularly, seizing the opportunity to compete is often the greatest victory of all. A new generation of young women are watching you. . . learning from you. They're developing better skills, and dreaming loftier dreams.

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LOCATION: SOUTH LAWN
PARTICIPANTS: THE PRESIDENT

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AT TITLE IX EVENT

Room 450
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11:24 A.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. As you might imagine, Hillary and I have looked forward to this day with great anticipation, and we have discussed these issues together for more than 25 years now. Actually, we met before Title IX -- that's one thing I managed to do without the benefit of federal law. (Laughter.)

I thank Secretary Riley for his wonderful leadership. And thank you, Ann, for your introduction. You did so well, if you ever get tired of science I think public affairs would treat you well. Thank you, Jackie, for being a wonderful role model and a great person. Thank you, Verelett Allen and Captain Robin Forster, Dr. Nelda Chavez. And I'd like to say a special thank you to Sally Ride and tell you that tomorrow is the 14th anniversary of her famous ride. (Applause.)

There are so many distinguished people in the audience I hesitate to start, but I would be remiss if I did not thank former Senator Birch Bayh for his leadership in this endeavor. Thank you, sir. You're a good man. (Applause.)

And I'd like to thank the 8th graders from the Thomas Edison Center for Technology who are here, and I hope are being inspired about the future. And I would like to ask the members of the Congressional Women's Caucus who are here to stand and be recognized. All the members of Congress who are here, please stand. Thank you. (Applause.)

We are here to celebrate Title IX, but even more, we're here to celebrate the God-given talent of every woman and girl who has been benefited by it. Title IX did not create their successes, but it did give them the chance to make the most of their abilities. We have heard about the difference it has made in the lives of millions of young girls and young women. We know about the confidence that it has built, the expectations it has helped to set, the achievements it has helped to inspire.

Today I also want to say that in my view Title IX has had a beneficial impact on every American citizen. If we've learned anything in the last 25 years since Title IX became law, it is that expanding benefits and opportunities for any American helps the rest of us. Wasted opportunity diminishes all of us.

As we prepare for the 21st century, it would be sheer folly for us not to take advantage of every ounce of energy and talent and creativity every American has to offer. As a nation, that would be our great concern. Think what we would be like if there were no Sally Rides

or Jackie Joyner-Kersey or any one of the countless women whose contributions have helped to make our nation a better place, including, I might add, the eight women which now serve in the President's Cabinet -- a record number. (Applause.)

Every girl growing up in America today should have the chance to become an astronaut or an Olympic athlete, a Cabinet Secretary or a Supreme Court Justice, a Nobel Prize winning scientist or President of the United States. For 25 years, Title IX has helped girls to realize their dreams and to achieve them -- a lot of people, believe it or not, still don't know this -- to achieve them not only in athletics, but in academics as well.

In addition to the remarkable athletic statistics, Secretary Riley told me today that -- Jackie -- in 1972, there were 300,000 girls in high school athletics. Today, there are 2.3 million. But in addition to the athletics -- listen to this -- in 1972, nine percent of the medical degrees and seven percent of the law degrees were awarded to women. In 1996, 38 percent of the medical degrees and 43 percent of the law degrees were awarded to women. (Applause.)

So today, we celebrate how far we've come. But we must also recommit ourselves to Title IX's goal of equality in education. For too many schools and education programs still drag their feet and lag behind in their responsibility to our young women and girls.

Today, I'm directing every agency and executive department of our government to strengthen their enforcement of Title IX within the next 90 days, by reviewing current procedures, consulting with the Attorney General on the best way to improve them, and delivering to me a new and vigorous enforcement plan. (Applause.) Every school and every education program that receives federal assistance in the entire country must understand that complying with Title IX is not optional. It is the law, and the law must be enforced.

There is no question that we're better off because of Title IX, but we can go even further to provide all people with the opportunity they deserve to make the most of their own lives. A lot of people don't know this, either, but currently Title IX only applies to educational programs and activities that receive funding from the national government. Ironically, it does not apply to the programs that the national government runs itself. These include schools run by the Department of Defense, educational research conducted by the federal government, and educational fellowships awarded directly to students.

I believe, and I surely hope that every American would agree that the national government must hold itself to the same high standards it expects from everyone else -- especially when it comes to discrimination in education. Therefore, today I have sent an executive memorandum to all the relevant federal departments to conduct a review of their programs over the next 60 days, report the review to the Attorney General. And then after I receive her recommendation, I expect to sign an executive order to prohibit educational discrimination on the basis of sex, race or national origin in federally conducted education programs, thereby extending the principles of Title IX to federal programs themselves. (Applause.) Thank you.

On the desk outside the Oval Office, there is a little sign with a quote from a woman who lives here in Washington. Here's what it says: "I rejoice in others' success, knowing there is plenty for us all." Today, we are celebrating, resolving and moving forward to make sure that all of our people, and especially every one of our girls and young women have the opportunities they deserve to make the most of their own lives. After all, there is plenty for us all. Indeed, I think you could make a compelling case that when other people succeed in

a constructive manner it creates more opportunities for success for the rest of us.

Finally, let me just add one more item. There is something happening today that, like Title IX, marks a significant step forward toward helping all our young people achieve their full potential. When I reached a bipartisan budget agreement with the leaders of Congress last month, one of my top goals was to extend health care coverage to millions more of our young children. Believe it or not, 10 million children in this country still don't have health insurance, and more and more, a lot of employer-based health policies are not covering the whole family. It is no secret that this is something that Hillary and I have worked on for many years and care a great deal about.

I fought very hard to ensure that \$16 billion would be set aside in the budget agreement for this purpose. But we did not prescribe in the agreement how this money would be spent. The important thing is to use it wisely and carefully so that it provides meaningful coverage to as many children as possible. I am very pleased that a bipartisan group of senators in the United States Senate and on the Finance Committee have come up with some children's legislation that I believe offers that promise.

So today I am proud to say that I will endorse the legislation sponsored by Senators Chafee, Rockefeller, Jeffords and Hatch. The Senate Finance Committee is voting on it today and it will help to give a lot of our young children a healthy start in life, without which a lot of those young girls might not ever be in a position to take advantage of Title IX.

This legislation will be the biggest investment in children's health care since Medicaid passed in 1965. It will be the most significant thing that we could do, I think, by committing us to providing health insurance coverage to up to 5 million uninsured children in providing health insurance today that they didn't have yesterday.

So, we've got a chance one again to prove that if we'll put politics aside and work together as we did so many years ago in the cause of civil rights, as we celebrate today with Title IX, we can make America a better place.

Thank you for being here today. Thank you for the examples you set every day, and resolve tomorrow that you will give another young woman or girl a chance to make the most of her God-given abilities. Thank you very much. (Applause.)

(The bill is signed.)

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. Thanks for coming.

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and in the process become each and every one of you.

We're drawn together by tragedy and loss on the one hand. The moments that bring you together are tragedy and loss – and on the other hand moments of incredible joy and accomplishment. It's times like these that we really understand that we're a national family. Like any individual family, it's moments like these we most recognize what draws us together.

All these things taken away from courts and fields around our nation every day.

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These are things

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Because of your victory, young women have been encouraged and inspired to develop their skills, and dream loftier dreams. All Americans, men and women, young and old, spectators and athletes, have gained a renewed idealism by watching you turn your hopes and hard work into victory.

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America has lost a favorite son. As a small child, at a trying time for our nation, John Kennedy, Jr. was a symbol of our grief and our hope for the future. Then we watched with pride as John grew from boyhood into the man we have known. He had his father's name, his mother's independent spirit, and carried on his family's legacy of public service.

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Hillary, Chelsea and I were fortunate to call John and Carolyn our friends. We will miss them. And I know I will think often, in the days and years ahead, of a recent visit John made to the White House. Beneath the portrait of President Kennedy, John stood for a moment – in silence, alone in his thoughts.

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"Helping kids score goals on the field and achieve goals in the classroom"

July 16, 1999

Katie,

I hope this is good. If you have any questions, please call me.

Stefaney Howell, age 10, attends Aiton Elementary School in Northeast Washington, DC and is going into the 6th grade. Born (b)(6) she has participated in DC SCORES (both the school year and [001] the summer camp) for the past 2 years. She was the leading scorer on the team during her first year. Recently, Stefaney won the "Stop the Violence" essay contest sponsored by the U.S. Secret Service. Her favorite soccer player is Mia Hamm. Her other favorite activities include basketball, martial arts, football, singing in her church choir, and the Children's Ministry at her church.

Shelli



Helping youth to achieve goals in the classroom and score goals on the field.

DC SCORES is one of the only programs in the nation that introduces the international sport of soccer to inner-city youth through an after-school program that is based on physical and intellectual skills-building. Founded in 1994 to provide safe, structured after-school programs to youth in elementary schools throughout Washington D.C., the program meets five days a week and four weeks during the summer. Teachers and coaches are hired from the public schools to run separate boys and girls teams. The teams spend two days a week in soccer practice learning physical skills and spend two days in classrooms learning creative writing. On the fifth day of the week, the different school teams play each other through a yearlong schedule that leads to the city championship. On the day of the city championship, youth also receive a copy of *Learning Kicks: A DC SCORES Anthology of Student Work*.

DC SCORES works! The program has proven so successful that it currently serves 16 public elementary schools throughout the city (WARDS 1,4,5,6 and 7). In addition, February of 1999 will be the launch date for NEW ENGLAND SCORES, the first citywide replication. Ten additional sites are being considered across the country. The key to the program's success can be summarized through some of the following points:

DC SCORES draws on a growing national interest in soccer.

DC SCORES has a separate girl's team to encourage female athletes.

DC SCORES is the largest outside provider of after-school programming to youth in the DC public elementary schools.

DC SCORES provides a mechanism through which youth can relate the importance of teamwork on the field to the value of learning in the classroom.

DC SCORES embodies youth development and youth leadership development through a structure in which their skills are rewarded with athletic and literary success.

AMERICA SCORES: Why Soccer and Creative Writing?

AMERICA SCORES is a *recreationally-linked educational program* that strives for systemic change to enhance the quality of learning for public elementary school children throughout urban America. Through AMERICA SCORES, urban youth join a team with their classmates and participate together in *Soccer and Creative Writing* activities during after-school hours.

Urban Soccer and Creative Writing are both effective ways to enable young people to *express* themselves with words and *express* themselves with actions; to be *responsible* to one another and to be *responsible* to their schools; to *lead* and to *be led*; to make *quick* decisions and to make more *thoughtful* ones; to exercise mental *self-control* and physical *self-discipline*; to *accept* responsibility and to *share* responsibility; to celebrate small *successes* and to enjoy larger *victories*; and, to be *role models* for other youth and to be *youth* themselves.

Urban Soccer and Creative Writing also provide *safe, structured and supervised* activities that effectively address the following national concerns:

- 35% of our 12 year-old children are left alone after-school.¹
- Our children who participate in after-school recreation and educational enrichment develop greater confidence in their academic abilities and a greater interest in school.²
- Our children who participate in 1-4 hours of extracurricular activities are 60% less likely to drop out of school by the time they are seniors.³
- Our children who are exposed to an environment rich in language and print during after-school hours achieve better grades in reading and math.⁴
- Our children who attend after-school programs are more likely to handle conflicts by talking and negotiating rather than hitting and fighting.⁵
- Children who *do not* spend time in extracurricular activities are almost 50% more likely to use drugs and 40% more likely to become teen parents than our children who spend just 1-4 hours/week in extracurricular activities.⁶
- Nearly 47% of juvenile offenses and 60% of juvenile gang crime occurs during the after-school hours and peak at the hour following school dismissal.⁷
- Currently, the most frequent after-school activity for our children is television watching, which is associated with increased aggressive behavior and other negative consequences.⁸ According to Nielsen ratings, 3/4 of a million of our children watch Jerry Springer after school.⁹

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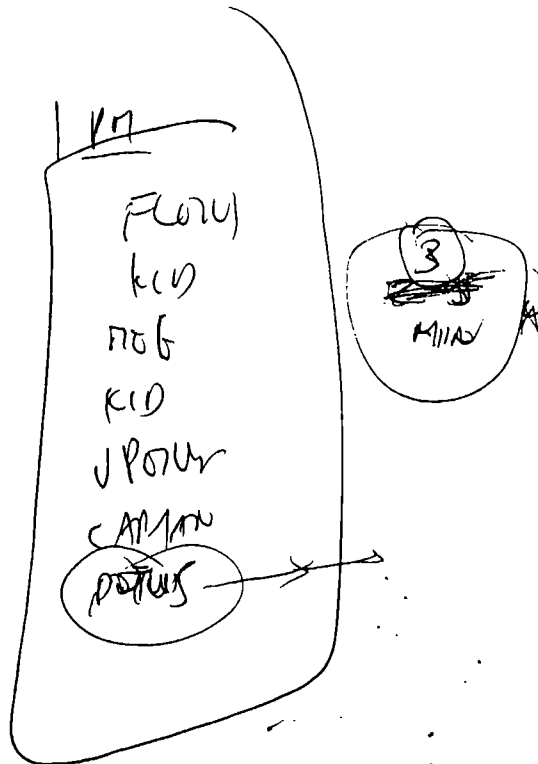
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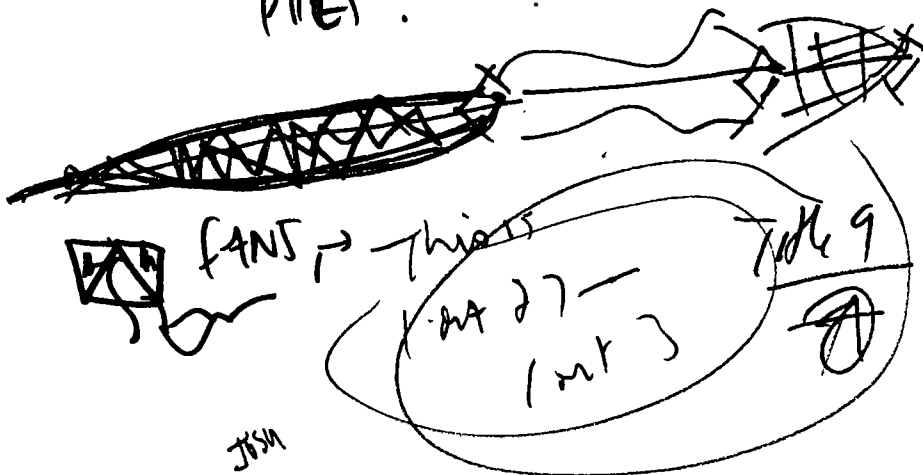
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By Melanie Jackson

PASADENA, Calif. -- Kristine Lilly saw it all about to come to an end.

Since Norway captured it in 1995, she and her U.S. teammates had thought of little else but winning back the Women's World Cup title. But in overtime of the Women's World Cup final Saturday afternoon at the Rose Bowl, there was a fleeting moment when it seemed like glory was going to be swept away from the Americans for another four years.

And this time, on their own soil.

In the 10th minute of sudden-death overtime, Chinese midfielder Liu Ying sent a corner kick screaming across the U.S. goalmouth, where teammate Fan Yunjie got her head on it. Fan, who outjumped Mia Hamm on the play, headed the ball past U.S. goalkeeper Briana Scurry and toward the far post.



But just as the ball was about to cross the goal line, Lilly headed it away, keeping the game scoreless and paving the way for a 5-4 victory on penalty kicks after a 0-0 draw as the U.S. became the first Women's World Cup host to win the championship.

Thirty minutes after Lilly's heroic play, Scurry made another one when she stopped China's third penalty kick. Five shots later, U.S. defender Brandi Chastain netted the game-winner. Both Scurry and Chastain were being called heroes after the game, but neither player would have had the chance had Lilly not made her own game-winning save.

At least that's how U.S. coach Tony DiCicco put it after the match.

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Mia Hamm says the U.S. defense saved the day.

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"Kristine Lilly finds ways for us to win games," he said of the world's most-capped player. Lilly has played in 186 international matches, more than any man or woman.

"Sometimes it's scoring goals, sometimes it's sending crosses in. Today, she saves one off the line for us and we end up winning the game."

Lilly, at 5-foot-4 the third-shortest player on the U.S. roster (behind 5-2 Tiffeny Milbrett and 5-3 Lorrie Fair), isn't used to making heroic plays with her head. That's usually done by teammates Michelle Akers, Tisha Venturini or Chastain. She wasn't quite ready to take credit for anything.

"That's my spot on corner kicks, to be on the post, and you shift with the ball," Lilly explained. "I shifted in, and right where she headed it is right where I was standing. I wasn't thinking anything, I was just heading the ball."

"I just happened to be the one on the line, did my job and shifted at the right time. I don't know if I saved it (the game). A lot of people saved it."

Indeed. In addition to Scurry's heroic save in the shootout and Chastain's winning penalty kick, several other U.S. players made an impact.

Defender Kate Sobrero had several key one-on-one stops in China's offensive third in the first half. Then in the 89th minute, with China's Zhang Ouying preparing to rip a shot from the top of the box, Chastain slide-tackled the Chinese forward, blocking the shot with her stomach before poking the ball out of danger seconds later.

Numerous times, U.S. forwards Milbrett and Hamm were back in their defensive third, winning tackles or doubling up on the ball.

As Hamm put it, "I don't know if we've seen a better team defense performance than what you saw today."

But above all else, "Kristine Lilly did her job. Nothing more. Nothing less," Chastain said.

"We all have assignments in those situations, and at that exact moment she was in the exact spot she should have been," Chastain said. "She filled her commitment to this team."

Until Saturday's final, Lilly wasn't pleased with her World Cup performance. But as reserve midfielder Venturini put it, Lilly saved her best for last.

"Before the game, we had talked and she said she hadn't had her greatest tournament," said Venturini, who like Lilly played at North Carolina. "She wasn't feeling confident, her touch was off. But today was her day. She saved the ball off the line for us, and that was the game right there."

Through 90 minutes of regulation, both teams had their chances, but things weren't as even in overtime.

"In the first period of extra time, (China) dominated us, and it looked like we were running out of gas," DiCicco said.

But somehow, after Lilly's heroic save, the U.S. team stepped up. In the second overtime, the U.S. women dominated and seemed to carry that momentum into the shootout, where Chastain, Carla Overbeck, Joy Fawcett, Mia Hamm and -- oh, yes -- Lilly each netted penalty kicks.

After the victory, a humble Lilly continued to pass off the credit, saying the U.S. back line was the key to the game.

"Our defense was amazing today," she said. "They were strong, and every ball that came in there, they won."

And, of course, Lilly took care of the one they didn't.

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NEW YORK -- The success of the American team in the Women's World Cup produced the most-watched soccer game ever on U.S. network television.

The victory over China on Saturday afternoon posted a 13.3 overnight rating and a 32 share on ABC, 4 percent more than the previous record, a 12.8 for the 1994 men's World Cup final, also played at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif.

Saturday's rating was nearly double the 6.9 overnight for last year's men's World Cup final between Brazil and France.

ABC estimated 40 million viewers watched the Americans' 5-4 victory on penalty kicks following a scoreless tie.

The audience for the women dwarfed that of their male counterparts. The Americans, who finished last in the 32-nation field at France last year, averaged a 4.1 overnight rating for their three World Cup losses on ABC.

The highest rating for the U.S. men is a 10.4 overnight and 27 share for a 1-0 loss to Brazil at Stanford, Calif., in the second round of the '94 World Cup.

"No one expected these kinds of numbers," ABC spokesman Mark Mandel said. "It proves the power of big events on network television. You can still bring in nice numbers."

Overnight ratings measure the top 44 markets in the country, while the nationals, which will be released Thursday, measure the entire country. Generally, the national ratings for sports slip about 10 percent.

The Women's World Cup finale easily topped the NHL's Stanley Cup ratings, a 3.4 average for the three games on Fox.

The rating for the women's final is expected to be about the same as this year's NBA Finals, which averaged a 11.3/21 in prime time for San Antonio's 4-1 win over New York. However, that series went just five games and did not have the benefit of a winner-take-all game.

"You don't see these numbers unless you're watching the NFL," Mandel said. "If this event were on a Sunday afternoon, these numbers would be through the roof."

The Women's World Cup title game fell well short of this year's Super Bowl, which received the lowest rating in nearly a decade, a 40.2 national mark and a 61 share.

Television ratings started slowly for the event and picked up momentum as the U.S. team advanced. ABC's tournament opener between the United States and Denmark last month had a 1.7 national rating and was watched in 1.7 million homes.

The victory against Nigeria was seen in 1.4 million homes on ESPN, the win over Germany was watched in 1.67 million households and the semifinal match against Brazil was viewed in 2.9 million homes, making it the largest number of households to watch a telecast on the cable network.

The rating is the percentage of TV households in the United States tuned to a program, and each point represents 994,000 homes. Each cable point represents 766,000 homes on ESPN. The share is the percentage tuned to a program among televisions in use at the time.

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Outlook: The U.S. can win it all, and probably should. However, with the entire tournament being sold on the premise of a U.S. run to the title, if the women stumble, it could mean disaster for the event. As the U.S. are clear favorites, there will be tremendous pressure on this team to produce. Last time this occurred, some younger players imploded. Coach Tony DiCicco has a tough job balancing the needs of the older stars with the realities of the tourney.

--*Jamie Trecker*

THE VITALS

How qualified:

Automatic bid as host country.

World Cup history:

Three-time participant is 10-1-1 overall. Finished first in '91 (6-0-0). Finished third in '95 (4-1-1).

Bracket wrap: 6-3-1 all-time against Denmark; has never played Nigeria or North Korea.

Players to Watch

Michelle Akers: Has scored 102 international goals and is perhaps the best header in the world. Tied for lead as all-time point leader (21 points; 10 goals, one assist) in Women's World Cup history. Scored five goals in a 1991 World Cup match.

Julie Foudy: Midfielder and brilliant playmaker pulls the strings and keeps the U.S. flowing from front to back.

Mia Hamm: Broke the all-time scoring record with her 108th international goal May 22 in a 3-0 win over Brazil. Has scored four goals and notched six assists in past two World Cups.

Kristine Lilly: After debuting at age 16, this 27-year-old is the world's all-time cap leader (men and women), appearing in 183 matches. Has scored 71 international goals.

Tiffany Milbrett: Team's second leading goal scorer in 1998 after 14-goal, nine-assist performance. Leads the team in '99 with 12 goals and 10 assists.

Briana Scurry: Goalkeeper started in Sweden '95 and the Atlanta Olympics. Has a U.S.-record 50 shutouts.

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No.	Player	Pos.	College
1	Briana Scurry	G	Massachusetts
2	Lorrie Fair	D	North Carolina
3	Christie Pearce	D	Monmouth
4	Carla Overbeck	D	North Carolina
5	Tiffany Roberts	D	North Carolina
6	Brandi Chastain	D	Santa Clara
7	Sara Whalen	D	Connecticut
8	Shannon MacMillan	F	Portland
9	Mia Hamm	F	North Carolina
10	Michelle Akers	M	Central Florida
11	Julie Foudy	M	Stanford

Soccermania sweeps the U.S.	11	Julie Foudy	M	Stanford
	12	Cindy Parlow	F	North Carolina
	13	Kristine Lilly	F	North Carolina
U.S. and China ready for Final	14	Joy Fawcett	D	Cal
	15	Tisha Venturini	M	North Carolina
Final could set women's attendance record	16	Tiffeny Milbrett	F	Portland
	18	Saskia Webber	G	Rutgers
U.S. women get wild airport reception	20	Kate Sobrero	D	Notre Dame
	22	Danielle Fotopoulos	F	Florida
Hamm asserts herself early in World Cup	24	Tracy Ducar	G	North Carolina
Parlow plays well in first Cup performance				

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Personal Stats

Postition: Defender

Height: 5-7 (1.70 m) **Weight:** 125 (57 kg)

Born: May 9, 1968, in Pasadena, Calif.

Hometown: Dallas, Texas

College: University of North Carolina

First appearance: June 1, 1988, vs. Japan

First goal: Aug. 19, 1994, vs. Jamaica



Career highlights

U.S. Team: The captain of the U.S. Women's National Team ... Started 23 games for the U.S. in 1998, finishing fourth on the team in minutes played for the second straight year ... Through the end of 1998, she had started 125 of her 128 games played in her national team career ... Captained the U.S. to the first-ever Goodwill Games gold medal during the summer of 1998 ... Captain of the gold medal winning U.S. Women's National Team at the 1996 Olympics Games ... Played every minute of the five matches the U.S. played at the '96 Olympic tournament ... One of only two players (Joy Fawcett being the other) to play every minute of all six U.S. games at 1995 FIFA Women's World Cup in Sweden ... She played in 63 consecutive international games, a record for any U.S. national team player, men or women ... She started all but one of those matches and came out of a game just once ... Overbeck's consecutive minutes streak started August 4, 1993, against New Zealand and she did not come out of a game until January 1, 1996, against Ukraine in Brazil ... She played 3,547 consecutive minutes in that span, facing 19 different national teams and competing in seven different countries ... Her consecutive games streak ended only because she took time off after the Olympics to have a baby ... Took a year off from the national team to have her baby after the Olympic final on Aug. 1, 1996, and returned to the U.S. lineup on Oct. 9, 1997, against Germany in Duisburg, playing in just five matches in 1997 ... Earned her 100th cap for the U.S. in the Olympic gold medal match ... A finalist for the 1995 Women's Sports Foundation Athlete of the Year in a group that included Bonnie Blair, Steffi Graff, Picabo Street and Rebecca Lobo ... Started every game for the U.S. women in the 1991 FIFA Women's World Cup when the USA captured U.S. Soccer's first world championship ... Led a world-champion defense that allowed just five goals in six games ... Scored her first international goal Aug. 19, 1994, when she scored twice in the U.S. team's 10-0 win over Jamaica.

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College: Won four NCAA championships while attending the University of North Carolina ... Was named to the *Soccer America's* All-Freshman Team and was a three-time NSCAA All-American.

Miscellaneous: Attended Richardson High School in Dallas, where she played volleyball and basketball ... Played for the Dallas Sting, starting at age 11, and blossomed as youth player in the club through the U-19 age bracket ... Won two national championships with the Sting ... Played for the W-League champion Raleigh Wings during the summer of 1998, helping the team to an undefeated season ... Full name is Carla Werden Overbeck ... Formerly Carla Werden, she married Greg Overbeck Dec. 5, 1992 ... Serves as the assistant women's soccer coach at Duke University ... Graduated from UNC in 1990 with a degree in psychology ... Had her first child on Aug. 14, 1997, a baby boy named Jackson August ... Born in Pasadena, Calif., site of the 1999 FIFA Women's World Cup Final.

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Personal Stats

Position: Forward

Height: 5-5 (1.65 m) **Weight:** 125 (57 kg)

Born: March 17, 1972, in Selma, Ala.

Hometown: Chapel Hill, N.C.

College: University of North Carolina

First Appearance: Aug. 3, 1987, vs. China

First Goal: July 25, 1990, vs. Norway

Career highlights

U.S. Team: Had the highest scoring year of her career in 1998 with 20 goals and 20 assists ... Made soccer history on Sept. 18, 1998, in Rochester, N.Y., as she scored her 100th career goal in a 4-0 victory over Russia, becoming just the third player to score 100 or more international goals ... Ended 1998 as the second-most capped player in the world behind Kristine Lilly ... Led the U.S. to the first Goodwill Games gold medal by scoring five of her team's seven goals, including both goals in a 2-0 victory over China in the championship game ... Notched her ninth career hat trick against Denmark in the Goodwill Games semifinal match on the heels of her eighth career three-goal game against Germany in Chicago, both on national TV ... Through 1997 and 1998, she had scored 38 goals in her last 37 matches ... Named U.S. Soccer's Female Athlete of the Year for the unprecedented fifth consecutive year, 1994-98, the only player honored more than twice ... Member of the gold medal U.S. Women's National Team at the 1996 Olympics, scoring just once but setting up both goals in the championship match ... Led the team in scoring in 1995 with 19 goals and 18 assists, in 1996 with nine goals and 18 assists and in 1997 with 18 goals and six assists in 16 games ... MVP of U.S. Women's Cup '97, scoring six goals in three games including three against Canada ... MVP of U.S. Women's Cup '95, where she scored three goals on long range free-kicks including the equalizer against Norway in the championship game ... Started all five games for the U.S. at the 1995 FIFA Women's World Cup in Sweden, scoring twice ... Played several minutes at goalkeeper against Denmark in the World Cup in Sweden when Briana Scurry was ejected and the U.S. had used all its substitutes ... One of nine U.S. women with more than 100 appearances ... The MVP of the 1994 Chiquita Cup ... The youngest member of the 1991 Women's World Cup team at 19, she started five of six games and scored a pair of goals for the USA in China ... An 11-year veteran of the U.S. National Team, she was the youngest woman ever to play with the U.S. at the age of 15 ... Ended 1998 as U.S. Soccer's all-time



U.S. at the age of 15 ... Ended 1998 as U.S. Soccer's all-time leading scorer with 101 goals and 77 career assists (a team record) for 278 points.

College: A two-time Missouri Athletic Club and Hermann Award winner, 1992-93 ... Won four NCAA championships with the North Carolina, 1989, '90, '92 and '93 ... A three-time NSCAA All-American, she completed her collegiate career as the ACC's all-time leading scorer in goals (103), assists (72) and points (278) ... Had her jersey, No. 19, retired in 1994 ... She redshirted the 1991 college season to prepare for the 1991 Women's World Cup ... The NCAA's 1993-'94 Honda Broderick Award winner for all female college sports.

Miscellaneous: NSCAA All-American from Lake Braddock Secondary School in Burke, Va., she also played at Notre Dame High School in Wichita Falls, Texas ... Full name is Mariel Margaret Hamm ... Graduated in May 1994 with a degree in political science ... Married to Christiaan Corry, a Marine Corp pilot ... Named by *People Magazine* as one of the 50 Most Beautiful People in 1997 ... Featured on the cover of the second *Sports Illustrated - Women Sport* ... Was named the Women's Sports Foundation Athlete of the Year for 1997 ... Won the 1998 ESPY Award for Outstanding Female Athlete at the ESPN's annual awards show ... Hobbies include cooking, golf and watching college basketball.

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Personal Stats

Position: Defender

Height: 5-7 (1.70 m) **Weight:** 130 (59 kg)

Born: July 21, 1968 in San Jose, Calif.

Hometown: San Jose, Calif.

College: Santa Clara University

First cap: June 1, 1988, vs. Japan

First goal: April 18, 1991, vs. Mexico
(Scored five goals in match)


Career highlights

U.S. Team: Played in 24 matches in 1998 and was third on the team in minutes played with 1,894 ... Scored five goals, four off penalty kicks, and had five assists ... Saw considerable action in midfield after playing defense since rejoining the national team in 1996 ... Helped the U.S. to the first-ever Goodwill Games gold medal in the Summer of '98 ... During 1999, she should become the 10th U.S. player to reach 100 career caps ... Member of the Gold Medal winning U.S. Women's National Team at the 1996 Olympic Games ... Started all five matches and playing every minute of each game at the '96 Olympics ... Called into training camp with the national team in September 1995 after spending more than two years away from the program ... A forward her entire youth, college and national team career, she converted to defender and started in the back for the U.S. on January 14, 1996, against Russia in Campinas, Brazil, after having not appeared for the national team since August 8, 1993 ... Member of the U.S. Women's National Team that won the first FIFA Women's World Cup in China in 1991, seeing action in two games while starting one ... Holds the distinction of coming on as a substitute and scoring five consecutive goals in a 12-0 victory over Mexico in CONCACAF qualifying for the 1991 World Cup. They were her first international goals.

College: Finished her college career at Santa Clara University in 1990, leading the Broncos to two Final Four appearances ... Named First-Team NSCAA All-American in 1990 and All-Far West in 1989 ... She attended Cal in 1986, earning Soccer America Freshman of the Year honors where she teamed with U.S. teammate Joy Fawcett ... Sat out the 1987 and 1988 college seasons after having reconstruction surgery on both of her knees before transferring to Santa Clara for her final two seasons ... Scored 32 goals and added eight assists in three years of college.

Miscellaneous: Attended Archbishop Mitty High School in San Jose.

Miscellaneous. Attended Archbishop Mitty High School in San Jose where she led the team to three straight state championships ... Played professionally in Japan for Skiroki Serena for one season where she was named the team's MVP and was the only foreigner to be selected as one of the league's top 11 players in 1993 ... Played women's club for the Sacramento Storm, the 1997 Western Regional Champions ... Full name Brandi Denise Chastain ... Assistant women's team coach at Santa Clara where she is married to the head coach, Jerry Smith ... Earned a degree in Television and Communications at Santa Clara.

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Personal Stats

Position: Midfielder
Height: 5-10 (1.78 m) **Weight:** 150 (68 kg)
Born: Feb. 1, 1966, in Santa Clara, Calif.
Hometown: Orlando, Fla.
College: University of Central Florida
First appearance: Aug. 21, 1985, vs. Denmark
First goal: Aug. 21, 1985, vs. Denmark



Career highlights

U.S. Team: Started 15 matches in 1998 and scored five goals with three assist in her return to the national team after taking most of 1997 off ... Helped the U.S. to first Goodwill Games gold medal in Summer of '98, scoring in semifinal victory over Denmark ... Received FIFA's highest honor, the FIFA Order of Merit, on June 7, 1998, at the XVth FIFA Congress in Paris for her positive contributions to the game ... One of only two women named to a special FIFA Commission by President Sepp Blatter to help shape initiatives for the future of soccer ... Also on the commission are Pelé, Franz Beckenbauer, Sir Bobby Charlton and Michel Platini ... Member of the Gold Medal winning U.S. Women's National Team at the 1996 Olympic Games ... The U.S. Women's National Team's second all-time leading scorer with 98 goals in 126 international matches through the end of 1998 ... Earlier this year, become only the 4th player in international soccer history to score 100 goals ... Started all five matches in the Olympics, scoring a crucial tying goal on a penalty kick in the USA's 2-1 semifinal victory over Norway ... Most valuable player at U.S. Women's Cup '96 after scoring the winning goal in a 1-0 defeat of China ... Was injured in the opening game of the 1995 FIFA world championship in Sweden and did not play again until semifinal loss to Norway ... MVP of the 1994 CONCACAF Qualifying Championship in Montreal where she was tied with Mia Hamm as the tournament's second-leading goal scorer with six and helped the U.S. qualify for the 1995 FIFA Women's World Cup in Sweden ... Leading goal scorer in the inaugural FIFA Women's World Cup in 1991 in China with 10 goals, including five in one game, to win the Golden Boot Award while leading the U.S. to U.S. Soccer's first-ever world championship ... She also received the Silver Ball Award given to the world championship's second-best player ... U.S. Soccer's Female Athlete of the Year in 1990 and '91 ... Scored 15 goals in 24 games for the U.S. from

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World Cup Diary 7: Michelle Akers

When in doubt, U.S. again turns to Akers

1985-90 before exploding for 39 goals in 26 games in 1991, a U.S. team record ... A 14-year veteran of the U.S. National Team, she scored the first goal in the history of the U.S. Women's National Team on August 21, 1985, in a 2-2 draw with Denmark in Jesolo, Italy. The game was only the second-ever international match for the U.S.

College: Four-time All-American from the University of Central Florida in Orlando where she won the first Hermann Trophy ... Central Florida's Athlete of the Year in 1988-89, and offensive MVP in the 1987 NCAA Final Four ... Her #10 jersey has been retired by UCF ... The all-time leading scorer in UCF history and a member of the school's Hall of Fame.

Miscellaneous: Competed three seasons in Sweden with Tyreso Football Club, 1990, '92 and '94 ... In 1992, she scored 43 goals and was the leading goal scorer -- male or female -- from any of Sweden's professional divisions ... Three-time All-American at Shorecrest High School in Seattle ... Full name Michelle Anne Akers ... Author of several books, including *Standing Fast*, which chronicles her battle with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and journey in winning a gold medal ... Founder of Soccer Outreach International, an organization that helps to create movements and resources for individuals, agencies and churches to teach people around the world how to integrate faith and sport into their daily lives ... Has own web page at www.michelleakers.com ... There is a soccer scholarship in her name endowed at Central Florida ... Owns an Arabian horse named Vinnie ... Graduated from Central Florida with a degree in Liberal Studies and Health ... The first female American soccer player to sign a shoe endorsement deal back in 1991.

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By Marc Connolly

PASADENA, Calif. -- The most important player on the field for the Women's World Cup champion U.S. squad wasn't even on the pitch to witness Brandi Chastain's historic strike from the penalty stripe.

Michelle Akers was the dominant force Saturday against China throughout the 90-plus minutes she gutted out before leaving the game with a concussion suffered at the end of regulation, not to mention heat exhaustion, thanks to the 97-degree temperatures.



Many would argue Akers was the MVP of the entire tournament.

Unfortunately for the 14-year veteran, she'll probably have to watch a replay of the 30 minutes of extra time and thrilling penalty-kick finale to know how it all really happened. She might have seen the final moments on a television monitor in the locker room, but the day was surely a blurry one for soccer's Grande Dame.

And that's a shame. No one else on either team was on their game as much as Akers. Watching her win head ball after head ball and disrupt the Chinese offense at every turn, it makes one wonder about what type of performances she would display if she didn't have Chronic Fatigue Immune Dysfunction Syndrome -- a disease she has been battling since 1992.

On Saturday, Akers fought off the following opponents: a separated left shoulder, knees that have been under the knife a dozen times, her aforementioned disease and, of course, the toughest opponent the U.S. has ever faced in its soccer history. And that's not even mentioning Father Time, always a factor for

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a 33-year-old soccer player.

Despite everything, Akers dominated play from the opening whistle until she was practically carried to the locker room kicking and screaming.

But that's Akers.

"Michelle was the anchor for our team today, as well as the whole tournament," said assistant coach Lauren Gregg, who has coached Akers the past 10 years after playing with her in the mid-1980s. "She's the heartbeat of the team. She's why we are where we are today."

"Every time the ball went up into the air, she was finding it with her head," added goalkeeper Briana Scurry, who joined Akers and three other U.S. players on the tournament's All-Star team. "She took over that entire midfield almost single-handedly. Her defensive has been unbelievable this entire tournament."

Akers was especially crucial for the defense during a nerve-wracking span midway through the first half, when China created several scoring chances. In one sequence, Akers raced back to the touchline to make a diving last-gasp header out of bounds to bail out Joy Fawcett and Carla Overbeck, who were beaten down the right side of the field. On the ensuing corner kick, it was Akers again getting to the ball and clearing the zone.

This sort of impact and effort is something her teammates and coaches have come to expect over the years. Head coach Tony DiCicco, who now owns two World Cup medals (in 1991 he was an assistant to Anson Dorrance) and one Olympic gold medal ('96), offered up a fitting tribute to his defensive midfielder.

"The fans were treated today to witnessing one of the greatest women athletes in history," said a champagne-drenched DiCicco at the postgame press conference. "She's a true champion who left it all out on the field. Michelle Akers inspires me, and I know she does the same for everyone else on the USA team."

One minute into injury time, Akers took a hit from which even she couldn't recover. When a dangerous ball was sent into the Americans' six-yard box off a corner kick, the three-time World Cup veteran raced back to use her 5-foot-10 frame to clear the ball out of the zone. Just as the ball made contact with her massive mane of hair -- her nickname isn't "Mufasa" after the *Lion King* character for nothing -- Akers collided with Scurry and was dealt a vicious elbow to her head.

While the rest of her teammates downed fluids and collapsed on the sidelines during the break between regulation and extra time, Akers lay in front of the goal surrounded by members of the U.S. staff. When the doctors saw how woozy Akers had become, they informed DiCicco and Gregg.

"It became a medical decision," Gregg said. "She didn't want to

come out. But we'd never risk a player's health for any one game."

Akers was escorted to the locker room, where she stayed until well after Chastain tore off her jersey in celebration of her winning penalty kick. DiCicco was forced to switch Fawcett to holding midfielder and insert Sara Whalen into the game. He also used Overbeck to take the first penalty kick -- a role that likely would have been filled by the strong-legged Akers if she had been in the game.

"It broke my heart to see Michelle go down," said Whalen, who received her 37th cap against China. "She has so much heart that everyone only plays better whenever she's out there. So it was a shame she had to come out."

Though the U.S. held on in extra time and forced penalty kicks, Akers' presence was sorely missed.

"When she went off today, we had a huge hole in the middle of the field," Gregg said.

Akers made a brief appearance on the field for the awards ceremony, but obviously wasn't well. When the team whooped it up with President Clinton in the locker room afterward, Akers was kept away from the team to recover on her own.

"We went in and visited her, and the one thing she did say was that she didn't want to be away from the team, and that if the team went, she wanted to go with us," said Whalen, who described her teammate's condition as being "out of it."

In the coming months, people will remember Chastain's kick, Scurry's penalty-kick save and the overall frenzy surrounding the end of the match. But Akers, the oldest member of the team, was the straw that stirred the drink for the U.S. throughout the tournament.

She's the star who shone brightest when the U.S. team needed her most.

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By Jim Litke

LOS ANGELES -- The lasting image is of game-winning goal scorer Brandi Chastain sliding on her knees near the penalty spot, celebrating the U.S. women's World Cup triumph with a full-throated roar and waving her jersey instead of wearing it.

What remains to be seen is whether a nation that fell under the spell of a sport and the female athletes who played it this summer will still love them both by next week.

"Let's be real about this," Hank Steinbrecher, general secretary of the U.S. Soccer Federation, said Sunday. "We caught lightning in a bottle. The Queen Mother doesn't have enough money to pay these women what they deserve right now."

Steinbrecher spoke just minutes before Chastain and her teammates swept past during a parade at Disneyland. It marked the start of a two-day, two-coast whirlwind tour that will put the team in front of the cameras that missed them the first time around -- when they crisscrossed America en route to winning the 16-nation, 32-game tournament that concluded Saturday with a 5-4 victory over China on penalty kicks after a scoreless tie.

The Americans' thrilling triumph produced the most-watched soccer game in history on U.S. network television, with ABC estimating that 40 million viewers tuned in.

The game posted a 13.3 overnight rating and a 32 share for the network, 4 percent more than the previous record, a 12.8 for the 1994 men's World Cup final, also played at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif.



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The rating was nearly double the 6.9 overnight for last year's men's World Cup final between Brazil and France.

Meanwhile, Michelle Akers, the 33-year-old grande dame of the U.S. team, did not make the Disneyland parade because she was still recovering from heat exhaustion. And U.S. coach Tony DiCicco skipped the festivities, too, saying he wanted to get back home to the wife and four sons he's barely seen since April. Both are expected to be back when the U.S. team resumes training in August.

The Americans will meet several as-yet-unnamed national teams in October's U.S. Women's Cup. The team will remain largely intact to defend its Olympic gold medal next summer in Sydney, Australia, and at the 2003 World Cup.

For the moment, satisfying demand after this World Cup will be tough enough.

Chastain turned up on Sunday morning news programs, stunned by her instant celebrity when she heard the voices of fellow guests First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright through her earpiece.

Chastain and her teammates were paid between \$25,000 and \$45,000, plus a bonus that has been increased from \$12,500 to between \$40,000 and \$50,000 each for winning the tournament.

From Disneyland, the U.S. women headed to a downtown rally and then were set to fly to New York for another round of television appearances Monday.

It was a far cry from 1991, when the U.S. women returned victorious from the World Cup staged in China. Back then, midfielder Julie Foudy was a student at Stanford University and the only person who even mentioned "finals" to her was a professor, who wasn't sympathetic about granting her extra time to finish her course work or the exam.

That explained, in part, why even as they soaked in the applause and adulation this time around, the women and U.S. soccer officials like Steinbrecher made plans to get back to work. At the top of their agenda is charting a course to make sure the momentum built up during the past three weeks doesn't dissipate.

After all, the United States played host to the men's World Cup in 1994, but the men's national team and the professional league created soon afterward are still struggling for attention in a crowded sports landscape.

Undaunted, most of the U.S. women team members want a professional league of their own. And despite startup costs as high as \$50 million, they sounded determined to get it.

"This team is about making things happen," Chastain said. "If it takes each one of us knocking on doors to get that, we'll do it."

The U.S. Soccer Federation, which developed the business plan for Major League Soccer before turning the enterprise over to private investors, has launched a similar feasibility study for a women's league. And while Steinbrecher was cautious about whether the World Cup had been successful enough to launch and sustain a pro league, he had no doubts about its success in another, more important sense.

"The goal is to take what we've learned about women's equity, what we've learned about women as equal partners and not subordinates, and export it around the world," he said. "I think we're on the cutting edge of a revolution."

Confirmation of that was practically at Steinbrecher's elbow, where Jeff Marquis and his family, from nearby Corona, sat along Disneyland's Main Street, waiting for the open-air buses carrying the team to go by.

Marquis came into possession of two tickets for the final only last week, no small feat after the U.S. team packed stadiums in New Jersey, Chicago, Boston, Washington and Palo Alto, Calif. He decided to take his 15-year-old daughter, Brittany, because she plays on her high school team. And besides, he already had tickets to take his 13-year-old son, Bryce, to the Dodgers game.

"When they were growing up, I don't think I ever imagined that they'd have equal opportunities to play sports," Marquis said. "But even before this thing exploded, she had many of the same things he got out of sports -- a network of friends, the confidence, the power."

Asked whether he could envision his daughter playing professionally as easy as his son, Marquis paused.

"Everybody always ties it to that," he said, "but I'm not sure that's the most important thing."

He may be right. Brittany said the most important thing to her was how good she and her friends felt to be on a soccer field, knowing that their boyfriends had come to see them play -- instead of the other way around.

On Saturday, her younger brother was one of those boys watching the girls play and he admitted loving every minute.

"I didn't see any difference," Bryce said, "except at the end, the ripping-off-the-shirt part. I haven't ever seen that before."

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By Barry Wilner

CLAREMONT, Calif. -- Tony DiCicco is the man behind the women.

As perhaps 2,000 fans at Thursday's practice session screamed for Mia Hamm, Michelle Akers and the rest of the U.S. soccer squad that has taken the nation by storm, DiCicco exited the bus and calmly strode, almost unnoticed, toward the field at Pomona-Pitzer College.

When the workout ended, 150 or so media members scrambled to surround the players as they sat in different areas of the field. Television cameramen jostled for position near Julie Foudy and Brandi Chastain.

DiCicco sat nearby, far from the madding crowd, a handful of reporters informally chatting with him. That, generally, is DiCicco's way: He stays out of the way, except when his team needs some instruction or a dressing down.

"It has been a privilege to coach this team," DiCicco said as the Americans prepared for Saturday's final with China. "It's been a wonderful opportunity for all of us. This team has grown together and is so close to achieving what it set out to do, and they all are outstanding women, too. I can't think of a better job to have."

When DiCicco took over the job in August 1994 from Anson Dorrance -- who guided the Americans to the first Women's World Cup title in 1991 and is the mastermind of the University of North Carolina soccer dynasty -- he sought guidance from some of his players. Hamm told him to "coach us like men, treat us like women." He has never forgotten that advice.

"I didn't know much about this team," said DiCicco, 50, who



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joined the squad as a goalkeepers' coach in '91. "I had been working with U.S. Soccer and boys youth national teams. This team had developed a reputation for good play.

"Once I experienced this team and saw their passion for the game and the goals they set for themselves, it was fun to be around them. And it became a dream come true to end up their head coach."

Since taking charge, DiCicco has a 96-8-7 record, including this World Cup. He has led the Americans to third place at the '95 World Cup, gold medals at the Atlanta Olympics and last year's Goodwill Games, and now to the finals of the biggest women's sporting event ever. Not bad for someone who claims he didn't consider holding the job before he got it.

"Coaching a national team? I don't know if I ever thought about being the women's national coach" he said. "But certainly playing and coaching at a high level was a dream of mind. I sought to coach a team that is motivated, talented and has a chance of winning, and that I would be proud to be associated with.

"All those goals have been answered by this team."

As a male among these superb female athletes, DiCicco remains a bit of an outsider. That gives him a unique perspective about this team that, right now, carries the aura of the biggest rock stars. He had to chuckle when someone mentioned the hundreds of yelping youngsters who surrounded the team bus as it pulled onto the college grounds before practice.

Might this scene be similar to what Bruce Springsteen or Ricky Martin experiences at concerts?

"One of the things that sets this team apart is that they don't want to all be the homecoming queen and do the popular thing," he said. "They just want to go out and win games and win championships and Olympic gold medals. That's an awesome challenge.

"The genuine pursuit of their dreams and goals is what is so enticing for people. Its kind of snowballed and has turned into a wonderful phenomena. They are finally getting their due."

So is he.

"Tony understands us," veteran Joy Fawcett said. "He understands we have a different approach to the game and to the relationships we build than the men do. He allows us to be ourselves, and that's been a very important part of our success."

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Helping youth to achieve goals in the classroom and score goals on the field.

DC SCORES is one of the only programs in the nation that introduces the international sport of soccer to inner-city youth through an after-school program that is based on physical and intellectual skills-building. Founded in 1994 to provide safe, structured after-school programs to youth in elementary schools throughout Washington D.C, the program meets five days a week and four weeks during the summer. Teachers and coaches are hired from the public schools to run separate boys and girls teams. The teams spend two days a week in soccer practice learning physical skills and spend two days in classrooms learning creative writing. On the fifth day of the week, the different school teams play each other through a yearlong schedule that leads to the city championship. On the day of the city championship, youth also receive a copy of *Learning Kicks: A DC SCORES Anthology of Student Work*.

DC SCORES works! The program has proven so successful that it currently serves 16 public elementary schools throughout the city (WARDS 1,4,5,6 and 7). In addition, February of 1999 will be the launch date for NEW ENGLAND SCORES, the first citywide replication. Ten additional sites are being considered across the country. The key to the program's success can be summarized through some of the following points:

DC SCORES draws on a growing national interest in soccer.

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Urban Soccer and Creative Writing also provide safe, structured and supervised activities that effectively address the following national concerns:

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- Our children who participate in after-school recreation and educational enrichment develop greater confidence in their academic abilities and a greater interest in school.²
- Our children who participate in 1-4 hours of extracurricular activities are 60% less likely to drop out of school by the time they are seniors.³
- Our children who are exposed to an environment rich in language and print during after-school hours achieve better grades in reading and math.⁴
- Our children who attend after-school programs are more likely to handle conflicts by talking and negotiating rather than hitting and fighting.⁵
- Children who *do not* spend time in extracurricular activities are almost 50% more likely to use drugs and 40% more likely to become teen parents than our children who spend just 1-4 hours/week in extracurricular activities.⁶
- Nearly 47% of juvenile offenses and 60% of juvenile gang crime occurs during the after-school hours and peak at the hour following school dismissal.⁷
- Currently, the most frequent after-school activity for our children is television watching, which is associated with increased aggressive behavior and other negative consequences.⁸ According to Nielsen ratings, 3/4 of a million of our children watch Jerry Springer after school.⁹

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