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**2006 U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team**

**Game Notes**
Team USA vs. Germany  
Sunday, Feb. 12, 2006  
Palasport, 7:00 p.m.

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**TONIGHT'S TOP STORIES**

- **TONIGHT'S GAME** -- The United States Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team faces Germany in both teams' second game at the XX Olympic Winter Games. The United States opened the competition with a 6-0 win over Switzerland last night. Tonight's game is the second Olympic meeting between the teams. Team USA defeated Germany 10-0 in preliminary action at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City. All-time, the teams have faced off seven times with Team USA owning a 7-0-0 record in the series.

- **POWERFUL POTTER** -- Team USA's Jenny Potter (Edina, Minn.) tied two U.S. Olympic records with her four-point performance in last night's contest against Switzerland. Potter's three assists in the win matched Laurie Baker's output against Japan on Feb. 12, 1998 at the XVIII Olympic Winter Games in Nagano, Japan. Potter's third-period power-play goal gave her four points on the evening, tying two-time U.S. Olympian Karen Bye and current teammate Katie King (Salem, N.H.) for tops in U.S. Olympic Team history.

- **SHORTHANDED SUCCESS** -- Team USA's most senior member, Tricia Dunn-Luoma (Derry, N.H.) made Olympic history last night against Switzerland. Her second period shorthanded breakaway tally came with Team USA on the two-man disadvantage, marking the first time in Olympic Winter Games women's ice hockey tournament history that such a goal had been notched.

- **FIRING ON ALL CYLINDERS** -- With 56 shots against Switzerland in last night's 6-0 victory, Team USA tied its third-highest shot output for an Olympic game. The United States fired 59 shots against China on Feb. 14, 2002 at the XIX Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City, Utah, and 57 shots against Germany on Feb. 12, 2002 at the same tournament.

- **PRACTICES AND AVAILABILITY**

The upcoming practice schedule is as follows:  
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**FOUR THREE-TIMERS** -- Team USA's roster is highlighted by four veterans entering their third Olympic Winter Games. The quartet of Jenny Potter (Edina, Minn.), Katie King (Salem, N.H.), Tricia Dunn-Luoma (Derry, N.H.) and Angela Ruggiero (Harper Woods, Mich.) has played every U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey game in history (11 games). The foursome is well-decorated as well, each with a gold and silver medal.
TODAY’S GAMES:
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7:00 p.m.  Germany vs. USA Palasport Olimpico

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LAST TIME OUT: Jenny Potter (Edina, Minn.) had four points (1-3) and Krissy Wendell (Brooklyn Park, Minn.) had two goals as the U.S. Olympic Women’s Ice Hockey Team defeated Switzerland 4-0 in the first game of competition tonight. Chanda Gunn (Huntington Beach, Calif.) faced nine shots and recorded the shutout in her Olympic debut.

“I think it was the type of first game we wanted to have. We controlled the puck the way we wanted to,” said Katie King (Salem, N.H.). “Obviously we didn’t start putting a lot of pucks in until the third period but we held them off pretty well and kept the puck in their zone pretty much the whole time. I don’t think we were ever really worried.”

Team USA got on the board at 2:38 of the first session with the teams playing four-on-four hockey. Katie King potted a one-timer from the top of the crease after Jenny Potter (Edina, Minn.) fed her with a pass from the back of the net.

At 12:27 of the second period, with the USA down two players, Tricia Dunn-Luoma (Derry, N.H.) forced a turnover at center ice and carried the puck in to beat Swiss goaltender Patricia Elsmore-Sautter five-hole.

At 7:53 of the third, Wendell took a feed from Angela Ruggiero (Harper Woods, Mich.) and re-directed it to the high far corner for 3-0, USA advantage. Natalie Darwitz (Eagan, Minn.) upped the U.S. lead less than three minutes later when she put in her own rebound from the doorstep. Wendell struck again at 13:19 when she skated through the defense and passed to Potter who fed it back for an easy tap-in. Potter wrapped up the scoring with a power play goal at 18:50.

NOTES: Team USA outshot Switzerland, 56-9, in the game... First Lady Bush attended the second period with former NFL star Herschel Walker... The USA killed six penalties in the second period... Team USA has won three consecutive Olympic opening round games.
TOUR-DE-FORCE: The 2005-06 U.S. Women’s National Team completed its 22-game pre-Olympic tour on Jan. 1 having posted a 15-7-0 record against international opponents from Canada, Finland and Sweden and collegiate all-star clubs from the Eastern College Athletic Conference Hockey League, Hockey East Association and Western Collegiate Hockey Association. Team USA’s schedule included a silver-medal-winning performance at the Women’s Four Nation’s Cup in Hameenlinna, Finland; a second-place finish at the Pre-Olympic Test Event held in Torino, Italy; and a 9-2-0 record during the Hilton Family Skate to 2006 Tour, which included games in 10 cities across America in front of a total of 30,799 fans.

Team USA captain Krissy Wendell led the squad with 23 points (6-17), while Katie King and Jenny Potter tied for the team lead in goal scoring with nine tallies apiece.

AS A YOUNGSTER: Natalie Darwitz ranks second on Minnesota’s high school all-time scoring chart with 468 points in her career. The two-time Olympian had 316 goals and 152 assists to rank second despite leaving after her sophomore year. Darwitz spent her junior year with the U.S. Women’s National Team and spent her senior year with the U.S. Women’s Olympic Team.

IN JUST THREE YEARS: After helping the University of Minnesota to back-to-back NCAA National Championships in 2004 and 2005, Natalie Darwitz announced on Jan. 25 that she would forgo her senior year of eligibility. The 22-year-old leaves as the Golden Gopher’s all-time leader in points with 246 (102-144) in just 99 games. Her 114 points (42-72) during her junior year also set an NCAA record. Darwitz is a three-time All-American, a three-time selection for First Team All-WCHA, and was the runner-up to Team USA teammate Krissy Wendell for the 2005 Patty Kazmaier Award, given annually to the top women’s player in NCAA Division I ice hockey.

USA HOCKEY VETERANS: The 2006 U.S. Olympic Women’s Ice Hockey Team is full of players with international experience. Nine players have competed in past Olympic Winter Games, with four (Katie King, Tricia Dunn-Luoma, Jenny Potter and Angela Ruggiero) capturing the first-ever gold medal awarded in women’s hockey at the 1998 Olympic Winter Games in Nagano, Japan. Julie Chu, Natalie Darwitz, Courtney Kennedy, Lyndsay Wall and Krissy Wendell joined the four pioneers at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City, Utah, and helped Team USA capture silver.

Of the 11 Olympic newcomers, 10 (Caitlin Cahow, Molly Engstrom, Chanda Gunn, Jamie Hagerman, Kim Insalaco, Kathleen Kauth, Kristin King, Sarah Parsons, Helen Resor and Kelly Stephens) represented the United States at the 2005 International Ice Hockey Federation Women’s World Championship this past April in Linkoping and Norrkoping, Sweden. Following a thrilling 1-0 shootout victory over rival Canada, Team USA captured gold, marking the first time in the tournament’s history that a team other than Canada captured the top prize.

Pam Dreyer returned to Team USA and the U.S. Women’s National Team on September 30, 2005, after suffering an injury at the 2004 Women’s Four Nations Cup in Lake Placid, N.Y.

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PRONUNCIATION GUIDE:

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Julie Chu .........................................................CHOO
Natalie Darwitz .............................................DAHR-wits
Pam Dreyer .......................................................DRY-er
Tricia Dunn-Luoma .........................................DUHN-LOW-muh
Molly Engstrom ...........................................EHNG-struhm
Chanda ............................................................SHAN-duh
Gunn ...............................................................GUN
Jamie Hagerman .............................................HAY-guhr-man
Kim Insalaco ...................................................in-suh-LAH-ko
Kathleen Kauth ...............................................KAHTTH
Helen Resor ..................................................REE-zohr
Angela Ruggiero ..............................................ruh-JEE-er-oh
Kelly Stephens ............................................STEE-er-oh
Krissy Wendell ................................................WEHN-duhl

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Multiple Goal Games:
- Krissy Wendell (2) -- 2/11 vs. SUI

Multiple Assist Games:
- Jenny Potter (3) -- 2/11 vs. SUI
- Angela Ruggiero (0-2-2) -- 2/11 vs. SUI

Multiple Point Games:
- Jenny Potter (1-3-4) -- 2/11 vs. SUI
- Angela Ruggiero (0-2-2) -- 2/11 vs. SUI
- Krissy Wendell (2-0-2) -- 2/11 vs. SUI

2005-06 U.S. WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM BREAKDOWN:

Record when:
- Team USA scored first: 1-0-0
- Opponent scored first: 0-0-0
- Team USA led after first: 1-0-0
- Opponent led after first: 0-0-0
- Tied after first: 0-0-0
- Team USA led after second: 1-0-0
- Opponent led after second: 0-0-0
- Tied after second: 0-0-0
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ALL-TIME OLYMPIC SERIES WITH GERMANY:
The United States leads the series, 1-0.
Team USA defeated Germany, 10-0, at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City, Utah.

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- Opponent led after first: 0-0-0
- Tied after first: 0-0-0
- Team USA led after second: 1-0-0
- Opponent led after second: 0-0-0
- Tied after second: 0-0-0
- Team USA scored two goals or less: 0-0-0
- Team USA scored three goals: 0-0-0
- Team USA scored four goals or more: 1-0-0
- Opponent scored two goals or less: 1-0-0
- Opponent scored three goals: 0-0-0
- Opponent scored four goals or more: 0-0-0
- One-goal games: 0-0-0
- Two-goal games: 0-0-0
- Games decided by three or more: 1-0-0
- Outshot opponent: 1-0-0
- Opponent outshot Team USA: 0-0-0
- Shots tied: 0-0-0
- Team USA had less than 20 shots: 0-0-0
- Team USA had 20-29 shots: 0-0-0
- Team USA had 30-39 shots: 0-0-0
- Team USA had 40 shots or more: 1-0-0
- Opponent had less than 20 shots: 0-0-0
- Opponent had 20-29 shots: 0-0-0
- Opponent had 30-39 shots: 0-0-0
- Opponent had 40 shots or more: 0-0-0
- Team USA scored a PPG: 0-0-0
- Team USA did not score a PPG: 0-0-0
- Opponent scored a PPG: 1-0-0
- Opponent did not score a PPG: 1-0-0

ALL-TIME OLYMPIC SERIES WITH GERMANY:
The United States leads the series, 1-0.
Team USA defeated Germany, 10-0, at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City, Utah.
ALL-TIME OLYMPIC RECORDS:

**FASTEST GOAL SCORED - GAME**
USA - C. Granato, 1:19 (Feb. 14, 2002 vs. China)
Overall -- J. Ikonen [FIN], 1:08 (Feb. 14, 1998 vs. China)
E. Holst [SWE], 1:08 (Feb. 13, 2002 vs. Kazakhstan)

**FASTEST GOAL SCORED - PERIOD**
USA -- K. Wendell, 1:13 (3rd Period, Feb. 12, 2002 vs. Germany)
Overall -- G. Apps [CAN], 0:25 (2nd Period, Feb. 11, 2006 vs. Italy)

**FASTEST TWO GOALS SCORED BY A TEAM**
USA -- 0:22 (Feb. 12, 1998 vs. Japan)
Overall -- 0:06 [CAN] (Feb. 19, 2002 vs. Finland)

**FASTEST TWO GOALS SCORED BY A PLAYER**
USA -- 2:43 (Katie King, Feb. 14, 2002 vs. China)
Overall -- 0:16 (Caroline Oullette [CAN], Feb. 11, 2006 vs. Italy)

**MOST GOALS SCORED IN A GAME - TEAM**
USA -- (9) vs. FIN on Dec. 6 (2005-06)
Overall -- 16 (CAN) (Feb. 11, 2006 vs. Italy)

**MOST GOALS SCORED IN A PERIOD - TEAM**
USA -- 6 (Feb. 14, 1998 vs. Canada)
Overall -- 7 [CAN] (3rd Period, Feb. 11, 2006 vs. Italy)

**MOST GOALS SCORED BY A PLAYER IN A GAME**
USA -- 3 (Katie King, Feb. 12, 1998 vs. China)
3 (C. Granato, Feb. 14, 2002 vs. China)
3 (N. Darwitz, Feb. 16, 2002 vs. Finland)
Overall -- 3 (Done nine times)

**MOST POINTS BY A PLAYER IN A GAME**
USA -- 4 (K. Bye, Feb. 12, 2002 vs. Germany)
4 (Katie King, Feb. 14, 2002 vs. China)
4 (J. Potter, Feb. 11, 2006 vs. Switzerland)
Overall -- 6 (C. Piper [CAN], Feb. 11, 2006 vs. Italy)

**MOST SHOTS ON GOAL IN A GAME**
USA -- 59 (Feb. 14, 2002 vs. China)
Overall -- 70 (Canada, Feb. 16, 2002 vs. Sweden)

**MOST SHOTS ON GOAL IN A PERIOD**
24 [2] (Feb. 12, 2002 vs. Germany)
24 [1, 3] (Feb. 14, 2002 vs. China)
Overall -- 33 [3] (Canada, Feb. 16, 2002 vs. Sweden)

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**Multiple Assist Games:**
- Natalie Darwitz (2) -- 9/30 vs. WCHA
- Worst score: 19-30 vs. WCHA

**Multiple Point Games:**
- Julie Chu (1-1-2) -- 12/14 vs. FIN
- Natalie Darwitz (2-0-2) -- 9/30 vs. WCHA
- Worst score: 9-30 vs. WCHA

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**2005-06 U.S. WOMEN’S NATIONAL TEAM BREAKDOWN:**

- Team USA scored first: 10-1-0
- Opponent scored first: 4-7-0
- Team USA led after first: 8-0-0
- Opponent led after first: 2-5-0
- Tied after first: 3-0-0

- Opponent scored four goals or more: 0-5-0
- Opponent scored three goals: 3-0-0
- Opponent scored two goals or less: 12-1-0
- Team USA scored four goals or more: 8-0-0
- Team USA scored three goals: 3-0-0
- Team USA scored two goals or less: 3-8-0

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**2005-06 U.S. OLYMPIC WOMEN’S NATIONAL TEAM BREAKDOWN:**

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HEAD COACH BEN SMITH: Ben Smith is making his third appearance as head coach of the U.S. Women’s Olympic Team and his fourth Olympic appearance overall. Smith was appointed by USA Hockey as the first full time head coach of the U.S. Women’s National and Olympic Teams in June of 1996.

A native of Gloucester, Mass., Smith guided the United States to a gold and silver medal at the 1998 and 2002 Olympic Winter Games. In April 2005, he led the U.S. Women’s National Team to its first-ever gold medal at the International Ice Hockey Federation Women’s World Championship. Smith’s teams have also won five silver medals at the IIHF Women’s World Championship and a gold and six silver medals at the Women’s Three/Four Nations Cup.

On February 17, 1998, Smith helped put U.S. women’s hockey on the map. He guided Team USA to a 3-1 victory over Canada at the XVII Olympic Winter Games in Nagano, Japan, as the United States claimed the first-ever Olympic gold medal awarded in women’s ice hockey. The team’s 6-0-0 run at the Olympics came after a 32-game pre-Olympic tour that saw the U.S. team finish with a 24-7-1 record.

In 2002, Smith again guided Team USA to a podium finish as the team earned the silver medal at the XIX Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City, Utah. The performance followed a perfect 31-0-0 run by the 2001-02 U.S. Women’s National Team during the Visa Skate To Salt Lake Tour, which included an 8-0-0 mark against Canada.

On the men’s side, Smith served as an assistant coach for three-straight U.S. National Junior Teams (1985-1987), and helped guide the 1986 team to the United States’ first-ever medal – a bronze – at the IIHF World Junior Championship. In addition, he has twice served on the coaching staff for the U.S. Men’s National Team (1987 and 1990) and served as an assistant coach for the 1988 U.S. Olympic Men’s Ice Hockey Team. Smith’s most recent men’s assignment was as head coach of the 1998 U.S. Select Team.

A 1968 graduate of Harvard University, Smith spent nine seasons (1981-90) as the top assistant for the Boston University men’s ice hockey program. In 1991, he accepted the reins of the Northeastern University men’s ice hockey program and guided the team to an appearance in the 1994 NCAA Tournament. Smith also spent five years as an assistant men’s ice hockey coach at Yale University (1976-81).

THEY SAID IT...

Katie King on Team USA’s opening game win over Switzerland:
“I think it was the type of first game we wanted to have. We controlled the puck the way we wanted to,” said Katie King (Salem, N.H.). “Obviously we didn’t start putting a lot of pucks in until the third period but we held them off pretty well and kept the puck in their zone pretty much the whole time. I don’t think we were ever really worried.”

Coach Ben Smith on finding talent in non-traditional hockey markets as quoted in The Mercury News:
“We’re getting a good representation of outstanding players from Florida, California, Texas, New Mexico. That’s a tribute to what that ’98 team delivered and what the spread of the NHL has meant, too.”

On winning the pre-Olympic series finale vs. Canada as quoted in The Mercury News:
“Ending the series on a positive note was good, but as I told our players, they don’t give out Olympic medals on New Year’s Day.”

On Title IX as quoted in The Mercury News:
“This continent has had the upper hand because of Canadian tradition and what the laws of the land are in the USA to the point where Title IX is so influential that it helps other countries. Good players from there are coming to school to play here.”

Pam Dreyer on commuting from training sessions back home to Alaska as quoted on USAHockey.com:
“It’s frustrating at times. After Christmas, we’ll get together on December 26th. Most of the girls will leave will leave at 10 in the morning on Christmas Eve. I won’t usually leave until 10 at night. The fastest I’ll get home by air is in 10-and-a-half hours.”

Krissy Wendell on her pre-game mindset as quoted in The Denver Post:
“I try not to think about the game. The more I think about it, the worse I do. If I’m not thinking about it, it’s like being a child again, just going out and having fun. That’s when I feel like I perform the best.”

Molly Engstrom on remembering her roots as quoted in The Burnett County Sentinel:
“It’s nice to get phone calls from home and so nice to have support back home. I don’t feel like I’m in it on my own. It’s very much appreciated. I’ll never forget where my roots are.”

Kelly Stephens on the support she receives from her family as quoted in The Shoreline Enterprise:
“I was very blessed, I have a really supportive family... I was very adamant this is what I wanted to do. They knew worst-case scenario I could always come home. They knew I was a pretty independent person. They kind of went with it and let me make some big decisions.”
USA vs. Germany - All-Time

USA leads all-time series with a record of 7-0-0

Series Statistics: USA vs. Germany
Rec: 7-0-0
GF/GA: 78/3

Highest/Lowest:
GF: 16 (twice, MR-April 3, 2000) / 7 (April 5, 2005)
GA: 1 (3 times, MR-Dec. 31, 2001) / 0 (4 times, MR-April 5, 2005)
Margin of Victory: 16 (April 12, 1994) / 6 (Dec. 28, 2000)

Streaks:
Winning: 7 games (3/12/94-present)
Undefeated: 7 games (3/12/94-present)

The Last Time:
Team USA Defeated Germany: April 5, 2005 in Norrkoping, Sweden (USA 7, Germany 0)
Team USA Lost to Germany: Never
Team USA Tied Germany: Never
Team USA Scored Four or More Goals vs. GERMANY: April 5, 2005 in Norrkoping, Sweden (USA 7, Germany 0)
Team USA Shut Out Germany: April 5, 2005 in Norrkoping, Sweden (USA 7, Germany 0)

All-Time Meetings:
2004-05
IIHF Women's World Championship
April 5            Norrkoping, Sweden            USA 7, Germany 0

2002 Olympic Winter Games
Feb. 12            Salt Lake City, Utah         USA 10, Germany 0

2001-02
Holiday Tournament
Dec. 31, 2001      USA 9, Germany 1

2000-01
IIHF Women's World Championship
April 2            Minneapolis, Minn.         USA 13, Germany 0
Holiday Tournament
Dec. 28            USA 7, Germany 1

1999-2000
IIHF Women's World Championship
April 3            Mississauga, Ontario         USA 16, Germany 1

1993-94
IIHF Women's World Championship
April 12            Lake Placid, N.Y.         USA 16, Germany 0
STORYLINES

Watching At Home: Angela Ruggiero’s top fans came out in large numbers as approximately 50 friends and family members attended an opening game reception on Saturday night. The group gathered at the Hilton Garden Inn in Detroit with banners and enthusiasm for the USA’s game against Switzerland. Hilton donated all the refreshments and the group painted their faces with USA-themed makeup. Ruggiero and her team did not disappoint. Angela had two assists in the 6-0 win.

Traveling Chu’s: Julie Chu’s parents, Wah and Miriam, have busily been seeing the world one hockey tournament at a time. A fixture in the USA cheering section, the Chu’s have visited Sweden, Finland, Canada and Salt Lake City to watch Julie and the U.S. team compete in various tournaments. The Fairfield resident Chu’s are at tonight’s game, and will attend 10 of the 11 Hilton Family Skate to 2006 Tour games. If that wasn’t enough to show their support, the three (Julie, Wah & Miriam) have matching tattoos of the Olympic rings and Julie’s number 13.

Smart Jocks: Of Team USA’s 20 rostered players, 10 have or are in the process of earning their degrees from Ivy League Institutions. Angela Ruggiero and Jamie Hagerman are Harvard products while Caitlin Cahow and Julie Chu are still students in Cambridge. Kathleen Kauth, Katie King, Pam Dreyer and Kim Insalaco make up a quartet of Brown University grads Local product, Kristin King is a Dartmouth alumnus. Rounding out the group of Ivy Leaguers, Helen Resor is a student at Yale. A 12th student, Sarah Parsons, will join the illustrious 10 when she enters Dartmouth College next fall.

Team Mom: Jenny Potter, a two-time Olympic medalist, is the only mother on the team. Potter and her husband Rob are parents to four-year-old Madison, who was born in January, 2001. Less than three months after Madison was born, After intense training, which often meant toting young Madison to the gym with her, Jenny returned to international competition with the U.S. Women’s Team. Her new daughter watched the game with Rob. Madison is here in Torino and will see her mom play the opening game on Saturday.

No Joke: Courtney Kennedy is known by her teammates for her quick wit and ability to tell a joke. But another Kennedy is known by the laughter-loving crowds of Chicago. Courtney’s older brother, Mike, is currently part of the cast at Chicago’s famous Second City, well-known as the training ground for SNL.

Glamour Girls: Five members of the U.S. Women’s National Team played model for the day, shooting for the February issue of Glamour Magazine. Krissy Wendell (Brooklyn Park, Minn.), Natalie Darwitz (Eagan, Minn.), Tricia Dunn-Luoma (Derry, N.H.), Kelly Stephens (Seattle, Wash.), and Angela Ruggiero (Harper Woods, Mich.) braved the 105 degree-heat in Death Valley, Calif., to be photographed for the magazine’s “Strong Women are Beatiful” feature.

People Who Know People: Seven U.S. hockey players were featured in last week’s (Feb. 12) issue of People Magazine. The publication, which reaches 3.5 million readers, shot Jenny Potter (Edina, Minn.), Krissy Wendell (Brooklyn Park, Minn.), Katie King (Salem, N.H.), Chanda Gunn (Huntington Beach, Calif.), Angela Ruggiero (Harper Woods, Mich.), Kelly Stephens (Seattle, Wash.) and Julie Chu (Fairfield, Conn.) on the frozen Mirror Lake in Lake Placid, N.Y.