Team USA
(3-1-0)

# GOALTENDER GP W L T GAA SV%
30 Chanda Gunn 2 2 1 0 1.90 .857
31 Pam Dreyer 1 1 0 0 0.00 1.000

# POS PLAYER GP G A P +/- PIM
12 F Jenny Potter 4 2 6 8 8 4
27 F Sarah Parsons 4 4 3 7 7 0
4 D Angela Ruggiero 4 2 4 6 3 6
22 F Natalic Darwitz 4 3 2 5 4 4
20 F Katie King 4 3 2 5 3 0
7 F Krissy Wendell 4 3 1 4 2 4
14 F Kelly Stephens 4 1 2 3 3 10
13 F Julie Chu 4 0 3 3 2 0
5 D Lyndsay Wall 4 0 2 2 Even 6
25 F Tricia Dunn-Luoma 4 1 0 1 1 14
19 F Kristin King 3 1 0 1 1 4
6 D Helen Resor 4 0 1 1 7 8
3 D Courtney Kennedy 4 0 0 0 1 2
8 D Caitlin Cahow 4 0 0 0 1 2
9 D Molly Engstrom 3 0 0 0 1 4
11 D Jamie Hagerman 4 0 0 0 1 4
10 F Kim Insalaco 4 0 0 0 Even 4
18 F Kathleen Kauth 4 0 0 0 Even 2

Team USA Schedule & Results

Date Opponent Arena Time/Result
Feb. 11 Switzerland* Esposizioni W, 6-0
Feb. 12 Germany* Palasport W, 5-0
Feb. 14 Finland* Palasport W, 7-3
Feb. 17 USA vs. Sweden* Palasport L, 3-2 (SO)
Feb. 20 Bronze-Medal Game^ Palasport 4:30 p.m.

* Television coverage by USA Network
^Television coverage by MSNBC

**TONIGHT’S TOP STORIES**

• **TONIGHT’S GAME** — The United States Olympic Women’s Ice Hockey Team faces Finland tonight in the bronze medal game of the 2006 Olympic Winter Games. Team USA owns a 3-0-0 Olympic record against Finland, including a 7-3 victory last Tuesday (Feb. 14). In that game, Team USA rebounded from a 3-1 deficit with six unanswered goals including five in the third period.

• **U.S. vs. FINLAND ALL-TIME:** Team USA and Finland have met a total of 30 times in international play, including three Olympic meetings. In that span, the USA owns a 28-0-2 mark and is a perfect 3-0-0 in Olympic play. The USA has won 24 straight against the Finns, dating back to Sept. 13, 1997.

• **LAST GAME:** Team USA suffered its second Olympic loss on Friday, Feb. 17, falling 3-2 in a shootout against Sweden. Swedish goaltender Kim Martin blocked all four U.S. shots in the loss while Sweden scored twice in the shootout. Team USA now owns an all-time Olympic mark of 13-2-0 and an overall international record of 130-41-3.

• **HITTING FOR THE CYCLE** — Team USA will compete for its first-ever bronze medal in Olympic women’s ice hockey tonight. The team has a gold (1998) and a silver (2002) medal to date.

• **YOUNGSTER TOPS STAT SHEET:** She may be competing in her first Olympics, but Sarah Parsons (Dover, Mass.) didn’t waste any time moving to the top of the U.S. stat sheet. The 18-year-old leads the squad with four goals and ranks second with seven points in four games. Three-time Olympian Jenny Potter (Edina, Minn.) leads the team in points (2-6-8) and plus-minus rating (+8).

• **24,045 AND COUNTING:** In the first four games of the XX Olympic Winter Games, Team USA has played in front of a total of 24,045 fans. The USA-Germany match drew the largest crowd to date when 7,794 fans filled the stands at the Palasport Olimpico on Sunday, Feb. 12.

• **TODAY AND TOMORROW ON TODAY:** On Wednesday night, nine members of the U.S. Olympic Women’s Ice Hockey Team gave NBC Today Show host Matt Lauer a crash course on goaltending. Pam Dreyer (Eagle River, Alaska) led the lesson while eight players peppered Lauer with shots and even simulated a 5-on-3 situation. The piece will run on today’s episode of the Today Show in the USA. Also, tomorrow’s Today Show will feature “Athlete Moms,” including an interview with Team USA veteran Jenny Potter and her five-year-old daughter, Madison.

• **THE RECORDS:** Includes all games, IIHF and non-IIHF USA vs:
  - Canada: 28-40-1
  - Finland: 27-0-2
  - Germany: 7-0-0
  - Italy: 0-0-0
  - Russia: 10-0-0
  - Sweden: 25-1-0
  - Switzerland: 4-0-0

**ALL-TIME VERSUS THE INTERNATIONAL FIELD:**
Overall Olympic Record: 13-2-0
Overall International Record (all games): 130-41-3
Overall International Record (IIHF games only): 56-13-1*
All-Time Versus Canada (all games): 28-40-1

*IIHF-sanctioned games include Women’s World Championship, Pacific Women’s Championship & Olympic competition
• **CONNECTIONS:** Hockey, they say, is a small world, and the hockey backgrounds of USA Hockey’s Men’s and Women’s Olympic Teams prove it’s true. For example: Jordon Leopold and Jenny Potter grew up playing open hockey together. Krissy Wendell and Mark Parrish grew up as family friends, and their families have been watching the USA games together here in Torino. Chanda Gunn and Rick DiPietro attended a USA Hockey festival together, and Assistant Coach Alana Blahoski went to Providence College with U.S. taxi squad player Hal Gill.

• **YOU'RE HIRED!:** Angela Ruggiero is among a group of 12 U.S. Olympic athletes nominated to compete on the sixth season of the NBC hit, “The Apprentice.” Fans will chose six of the 12 athletes via a public vote on NBCOlympics.com to compete on the show with Donald Trump. Voting continues until Feb. 26. “While we’ve let the viewers do the hiring...I’m still doing the firing,” said Trump in an NBC press release.

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.

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 a 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.

**TEAM USA ROSTER STATS:**

**YOUNGEST/OLDEST**

Overall: Parsons (7/27/87)

Dunn-Luoma (4/25/74)

Goalies: Dreyer (8/9/81)

Gunn (1/27/80)

Defense: Resor (10/18/85)

Kennedy (3/29/79)

Forwards: Parsons (7/27/87)

Dunn-Luoma (4/25/74)

**BY STATE**

3 Massachusetts

Minnesota

New York

Connecticut

2 New Hampshire

1 Alaska

California

Michigan

Ohio

Washington

Wisconsin

**PRONUNCIATION GUIDE:**

Caitlin Cahow . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . KAY-how

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 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . KAHTH

Helen Resor . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . REE-zohr

Angela Ruggiero . . . . . . . . . . . . . ruh-JEER-oh

Kelly Stephens . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . STEE-vens

Krissy Wendell . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . WEHN-duhl

**AVERAGES**

Age: 24.1 years

Height: 5’7”

Weight: 153 lbs.

**BY COLLEGE**

5 University of Minnesota

4 Brown University

3 Harvard University

1 Dartmouth College

Univ. of Minnesota Duluth

Univ. of New Hampshire

Northeastern University

University of Wisconsin

Yale University
TODAY'S WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY GAMES:
1:00 p.m.  Switzerland vs. Italy (7th/8th)  Esposizioni
4:30 p.m.  Finland vs. USA (Bronze Game)  Palasport Olimpico
5:00 p.m.  Russia vs. Germany (5th/6th)  Esposizioni
8:30 p.m.  Canada vs. Sweden (Gold Game)  Palasport Olimpico

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PLAYOFF ROUND RESULTS:

**Placement Round**
- Russia 6, Switzerland 2
- Germany 5, Italy 2

**Semifinal Round**
- Sweden 3, USA 2 (SO)
- Canada 6, Finland 0

LAST TIME OUT: The 2006 U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team held a 39-18 shots-on-goal advantage, but Sweden edged Team USA 3-2, in a shootout in semifinal action at the XX Olympic Winter Games on Friday.

"Our kids played very hard," said U.S. Head Coach Ben Smith (Gloucester, Mass.). "Give credit to Sweden. They got stronger as the game wore on. Obviously their goaltender played very well."

With Team USA on the power play, Kristin King (Piqua, Ohio) notched her first Olympic goal at 7:55 of the opening period when she picked up a Julie Chu (Fairfield, Conn.) rebound in the center of the crease and jammed it in for an early United States lead.

At 1:04 of the second session and Team USA on the power play, Kelly Stephens (Seattle, Wash.) made it 2-0 when she deflected a Lyndsay Wall (Churchville, N.Y.) slap shot to the high, far corner. Sweden's Maria Rooth cut the lead in half at 6:17 when she took a pass at the corner of the crease, spun around and backhanded the puck through the legs of netminder Chanda Gunn (Huntington Beach, Calif.). Rooth knotted the score just more than three minutes later when her shorthanded chance found the back of the net at 9:40. Team USA had numerous chances to again take the lead, but could not solve Swedish netminder Kim Martin.

Team USA outshot Sweden, 8-3, in the 10-minute overtime period, with Natalie Darwitz (Eagan, Minn.) and Sarah Parsons (Dover, Mass.) having the best chances. Gunn foiled Sweden's best efforts four minutes into overtime when she made a toe save on Pernilla Winberg from point-blank range.

The game was decided by game-winning shots, and Sweden finished with a 2-0 advantage to gain the 3-2 final.
STAT COMPARISON:

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TEAM LEADERS:

**USA**

Goals: Parsons (4)
Assists: Potter (6)
Points: Potter (8)
Points/Game: Potter (1.92)
Plus/Minus: Potter (+8)
Power Play Goals: Potter (2)
Shorthanded Goals: Dunn-Luoma (1)
Game-Winning Goals: Three Players (1)
Game-Tying Goals: None
Penalty Minutes: Dunn-Luoma (14)
Wins: Gunn (2)
Goals-Against Average: Dreyer (0.00)
Save Percentage: Dreyer (1.000)
Shutouts: Dreyer, Gunn (1)

**Finland**

Goals: Pehkonen (3)
Assists: Three Players (2)
Points: Four Players (3)
Points/Game: Four Players (0.75)
Plus/Minus: Pehkonen, Pelttari (+4)
Power Play Goals: Four Players (1)
Shorthanded Goals: Palvila (1)
Game-Winning Goals: Timgas (1)
Game-Tying Goals: None
Penalty Minutes: Laaksonen, Sirvio (8)
Wins: Hassinen, Raty (1)
Goals-Against Average: Raty (1.45)
Save Percentage: Raty (.941)
Shutouts: None

ALL-TIME OLYMPIC SERIES WITH FINLAND:
The United States leads the series, 3-0-0.
Most recently, Team USA defeated Finland, 7-3, last Tuesday (Feb. 14). Team USA also defeated Finland, 4-2, at the 1998 Olympic Winter Games in Nagano, Japan, and earned a 5-0 win at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City, Utah.

TEAM USA OLYMPIC STATS VS. FINLAND

Natalie Darwitz (4-1-5)
Sarah Parsons (2-1-3)
Krissy Wendell (1-2-3)
Julie Chu (0-1-1)
Lyndsay Wall (0-1-1)

Angela Ruggiero (1-4-5)
Jenny Potter (1-2-3)
Katie King (1-1-2)
Kelly Stephens (0-1-1)

2005-06 U.S. OLYMPIC WOMEN’S ICE HOCKEY TEAM NOTES:

**Multiple Goal Games:**

Sarah Parsons (2) -- 2/12 vs. GER
Angela Ruggiero (2) -- 2/14 vs. FIN
Jenny Potter (1-3-4) -- 2/11 vs. SUI

**Multiple Assist Games:**

Krissy Wendell (2-0-2) -- 2/11 vs. SUI

**Multiple Point Games:**

Natalie Darwitz (1-1-2) -- 2/14 vs. FIN
Sarah Parsons (2-1-3) -- 2/12 vs. GER
Jenny Potter (1-3-4) -- 2/11 vs. SUI
Angela Ruggiero (0-2-2) -- 2/11 vs. SUI

**2006 U.S. OLYMPIC WOMEN’S ICE HOCKEY TEAM BREAKDOWN:**

Record when--

- Team USA scored first: 2-1-0
- Opponent scored first: 1-0-0
- Team USA led after first: 2-1-0
- Opponent led after first: 1-0-0
- Tied after first: 0-0-0
- Team USA led after second: 2-0-0
- Opponent led after second: 1-0-0
- Tied after second: 0-1-0
- Team USA scored two goals or less: 0-1-0
- Team USA scored three goals: 0-0-0
- Team USA scored four goals or more: 3-0-0
- Opponent scored two goals or less: 2-0-0
- Opponent scored three goals: 1-1-0
- Opponent scored four goals or more: 0-0-0
- One-goal games: 0-1-0
- Two-goal games: 0-0-0
- Games decided by three or more: 3-0-0
- Outshot opponent: 3-1-0
- 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: 1-1-0
- Team USA had 40 shots or more: 2-0-0
- Opponent had less than 20 shots: 3-1-0
- 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: 3-1-0
- Team USA did not score a PPG: 0-0-0
- Opponent scored a PPG: 1-0-0
- Opponent did not score a PPG: 2-1-0
ALL-TIME OLYMPIC RECORDS:

**FASTEST GOAL SCORED - GAME**
USA - C. Granato, 1:19 (Feb. 14, 2002 vs. China)
Overall -- M. Pehkonen [FIN], 0:13 (Feb. 14, 2006 vs. USA)

**FASTEST GOAL SCORED - PERIOD**
USA -- S. Parsons, 1:11 (2nd Period, Feb. 12, 2006 vs. Germany)
Overall -- M. Pehkonen [FIN], 0:13 (1st Period, Feb. 14, 2006 vs. USA)

**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 SHOTS ON GOAL IN A PERIOD:**
Natalie Darwitz (2) -- 1/1 vs. CAN
Lyndsay Wall (2) -- 12/17 vs. FIN
Natalie Darwitz (2) -- 9/30 vs. WCHA
Lyndsay Wall (2) -- 12/17 vs. FIN

**MOST SHOTS ON GOAL IN A GAME:**
Jenny Potter (2) -- 9/3 vs. SWE
Krissy Wendell (2) -- 1/1 vs. CAN
Jenny Potter (2) -- 8/31 vs. FIN
Lyndsay Wall (2) -- 9/30 vs. WCHA
Krissy Wendell (2) -- 12/17 vs. FIN

**MOST GOALS SCORED BY A PLAYER IN A GAME:**
Krissy Wendell (2) -- 1/1 vs. CAN
Lyndsay Wall (2) -- 9/30 vs. WCHA
Angela Ruggiero (3) -- 12/17 vs. FIN
Lyndsay Wall (2) -- 12/17 vs. FIN

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**MULTIPLE ASSIST GAMES:**
Natalie Darwitz (2) -- 9/30 vs. WCHA
Natalie Darwitz (2) -- 1/1 vs. CAN
Angela Ruggiero (2) -- 11/1 vs. ECAC
Angela Ruggiero (3) -- 12/14 vs. FIN
Lyndsay Wall (2) -- 9/30 vs. WCHA

**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: 4-3-0
- Team USA led after second: 11-0-0
- Opponent led after second: 0-5-0
- Tied after second: 3-3-0
- Team USA scored two goals or less: 3-8-0
- Team USA scored three goals: 3-0-0
- Team USA scored four goals or more: 8-0-0
- Opponent scored two goals or less: 12-1-0
- Opponent scored three goals: 2-2-0
- Opponent scored four goals or more: 0-5-0
- One-goal games: 2-2-0
- Two-goal games: 5-2-0
- Games decided by three or more: 7-4-0
- Outshot opponent: 12-2-0
- Opponent outshot Team USA: 1-6-0
- Shots tied: 1-0-0
- Team USA had less than 20 shots: 0-3-0
- Team USA had 20-29 shots: 6-3-0
- Team USA had 30-39 shots: 5-1-0
- Team USA had 40 shots or more: 3-1-0
- Opponent had less than 20 shots: 11-0-0
- Opponent had 20-29 shots: 3-1-0
- Opponent had 30-39 shots: 0-7-0
- Opponent had 40 shots or more: 0-0-0
- Team USA scored a PPG: 10-1-0
- Team USA did not score a PPG: 4-7-0
- Opponent scored a PPG: 5-6-0
- Opponent did not score a PPG: 9-2-0

**2005-06 U.S. WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM NOTES:**

**Multiple Goal Games:**
Julie Chu (1-2-2) -- 12/14 vs. FIN
Natalie Darwitz (2-0-2) -- 9/30 vs. WCHA
Natalie Darwitz (2-0-2) -- 11/1 vs. ECAC
Natalie Darwitz (1-1-2) -- 12/17 vs. FIN
Natalie Darwitz (2-0-2) -- 1/1 vs. CAN

**Multiple Assist Games:**
Angela Ruggiero (2) -- 11/1 vs. ECAC
Angela Ruggiero (3) -- 12/14 vs. FIN
Lyndsay Wall (2) -- 9/30 vs. WCHA
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...

**Eddie DeWolfe**, a goaltender who plays “T-Pub’s” pick-up hockey with **Katie King** in Boston: "She has a gold and a silver medal. I can live with her scoring on me."

**Tricia Dunn-Luoma** on her surprise at the effect of the USA’s 1998 gold medal as quoted in the Boston Globe: "My mom said, 'You have no idea what’s going on back here. I said, 'What do you mean?' When you’re in the middle of it, you have no idea."

**Jenny Potter** on seeing her daughter in the stands as quoted by USA Today: "I took my helmet off and waved to her, and I made her cry because she wanted to see me."

**Karen Ruggiero** (Mother of Angela) on her cheerleading plans as quoted in the Detroit Free Press: "I’m bringing a suitcase filled with my cheerleading supplies - hand-held flags to give to all the other parents, face paint, posters and banners. Everything in my wardrobe will be red and blue."

**Art Berglund**, USA Hockey International Consultant, on **Sarah Parson’s goal** (2/12) as quoted in USA Today: "Her first goal was the best goal I’ve seen in women’s competition. That puck had some sizzle on it."

**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 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."

**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."
STORYLINES

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 tot-ing 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 Beautiful” 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.