





U.S. OLYMPIC FIELD HOCKEY TEAM PREVIEW

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The U.S. Team will look to make history in London with a podium finish for the first time since 1984. In 2008, the U.S. finished eighth and prior to that, the team had not competed at an Olympic Games since 1996, when the Americans were automatically entered as a host. The only medal the women's team has won at an Olympic Games is bronze at the 1984 Olympic Games.

The U.S. booked their ticket to London by defeating Argentina, 4-2, in the finals of the XVI Pan American Games last October. Argentina was ranked No. 1 in the world and were six-time Pan American champions. The win marked the first time Team USA has taken home a gold medal from the Pan Am Games. After defeating the top-ranked team, the U.S. is confident that a podium finish in London is achievable. The U.S. is currently ranked No. 10 in the world.



Katie O'Donnell bearing her gold medal and the flag after defeating Argentina in the finals of the XVI Pan American Games

Head coach Lee Bodimeade announced the 16-player roster for the 2012 Olympic Games on June 11. A total of 13 players were part of the U.S. Squad that booked the team's ticket to London last October by defeating Argentina in the finals of the XVI Pan American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico. Seven players make a return to the Olympic Games, including U.S. captain Lauren Crandall.

In breaking down the Olympic roster, Kayla Bashore Smedley and Amy Swensen were named to the Pan American Squad but were withdrawn from the team at the last minute due to injuries. Keli Smith Puzo returned to the National Team in December after giving birth to her second child, Ian, on August 31. Smedley, Swensen and Puzo have all competed in over 150 international matches including the 2008 Olympic Games.

Smedley leads a talented group of midfielders, alongside Katelyn Falgowski, a rising young star on the world stage who has recently recovered from knee surgery. Falgowski was named a 2011 World All-Star by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) and was among four nominees for the 2011 FIH Young Player of the Year Award.

Nine players will be making their Olympic debut, including Shannon Taylor and Michelle Kasold who will guide the front line beside veteran Puzo.

The defensive unit is made up of three 2008 Olympians and five players who were part of the team's qualifying campaign. Julia Reinprecht, a poised and consistent back and the youngest player on the squad at 21-years of age, will be accompanied by her sister Katie Reinprecht in London. Swensen, regarded by many as the world's premier goal-keeper, sits in cage. In addition, Bodimeade has nominated two replacement athletes to the Olympic Team, Jackie

Kintzer and Michelle Cesan.

Since beginning their preparations for the Olympic Games, the U.S. has faced opponents they will face in London, including Great Britain, New Zealand, Australia, and Argentina. The U.S. also competed in test series against Spain and Canada.

The U.S. has been drawn into a challenging pool made up of No. 2 Argentina, No. 3 Germany, No. 6 New Zealand, No. 7 Australia and No. 12 South Africa. The U.S. will open Pool B play at the Olympic Games with a face-off against Germany on Sunday, July 29. From there, the U.S. will advance to their next opponents in the tournament – Argentina, then Australia, New Zealand and close the preliminary rounds with South Africa on Monday, August 6. The women's first semi-final will take place on Wednesday, August 8. The gold-medal round commences on Friday, August 10.

2012 RESULTS

<u>Info</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Locations</u>
June 18-23	USA vs Argentina	1-1-2	Virginia, USA
May 17-24	USA vs Canada	4-0-0	Victoria, B.C.
April 18-22	USA 4-Nations	1-3-0	New Zealand
April 12-16	USA 4-Nations	2-2-0	New Zealand
April 5-8	USA vs Australia	2-1-0	Australia
Feb. 23 – March 3	USA 3-Nations	1-0-1	Spain
Jan. 14-28	USA vs Australia	0-2-2	California, USA

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Paige Selenski competes on her home turf in Charlottesville, Va. during a four-game test series against Argentina. The series was part of Team USA's final preparations for the Olympic Games.

U.S. OLYMPIC WOMEN'S FIELD HOCKEY TEAM

No.	Name	Hometown	Position	Caps	Birth Year
26	Kayla Bashore Smedley	Shoemakersville, Pa.	Midfield	167	1983
27	Lauren Crandall	Doylestown, Pa.	Defender	177	1985
8	Rachel Dawson	Berlin, N.J.	Midfield	185	1985
23	Katelyn Falgowski	Landenberg, Pa.	Midfield	123	1988
5	Melissa Gonzalez	Mohegan Lake, N.Y.	Midfield	74	1989
18	Michelle Kasold	Chapel Hill, N.C.	Striker	111	1987
21	Claire Laubach	Centreville, V.A.	Defender	150	1983
19	Caroline Nichols	Virginia Beach, V.A.	Defender	134	1984
16	Katie O'Donnell	Blue Bell, Pa.	Striker	116	1988
14	Julia Reinprecht	Perkasie, Pa.	Defender	62	1991
12	Katie Reinprecht	Perkasie, Pa.	Midfield	71	1989
13	Keli Smith Puzo	Selinsgrove, Pa.	Striker	173	1979
20	Paige Selenski	Shavertown, Pa.	Striker	71	1990
25	Amy Swensen	Grantville, Pa.	Goalkeeper	157	1980
11	Shannon Taylor	Midlothian, V.A.	Striker	75	1986
9	Michelle Vittese	Cherry Hill, N.J.	Midfield	73	1989

Replacement Athletes

10	Michelle Cesan	New Vernon, N.J.	Striker	45	1991
31	Jackie Kintzer	Robesonia, Pa.	Goalkeeper	60	1988

Coaching Staff

Lee Bodimeade, Head Coach

Nick Conway, Assistant Coach

Support Staff

Terry Walsh, Technical Director

Nathaniel Franks, Video

Kate Reisinger, Team Leader

Katie Kaschub, Athletic Trainer

David Higgins, Team Physician

SCHEDULE OF COMPETITIONS

Sunday, July 29

8:30am New Zealand vs Australia
10:45am Netherlands vs Belgium
1:45pm China vs Korea
4:00pm Argentina vs South Africa
7:00pm Great Britain vs Japan
9:15pm Germany vs USA

Tuesday, July 31

8:30am Netherlands vs Japan
10:45am South Africa vs New Zealand
1:45pm Belgium vs China
4:00pm Great Britain vs Korea
7:00pm Argentina vs USA
9:15pm Germany vs Australia

Thursday, August 2

8:30am Korea vs Japan
10:45am Australia vs USA
1:45pm China vs Netherlands
4:00pm South Africa vs Germany
7:00pm Belgium vs Great Britain
9:15pm New Zealand vs Argentina

Saturday, August 4

8:30am Australia vs South Africa
10:45am Netherlands vs Korea
1:45pm Japan vs Belgium
4:00pm China vs Great Britain
7:00pm USA vs New Zealand
9:15pm Germany vs Argentina

Monday, August 6

8:30am New Zealand vs Germany
10:45am USA vs South Africa
1:45pm Japan vs China
4:00pm Korea vs Belgium
7:00pm Great Britain vs Netherlands
9:15pm Argentina vs Australia

Wednesday, August 8

8:30am 9/10 5th Pool A—5th Pool B
11:30am 7/8 4th Pool A—4th Pool B
3:30pm SF Semi—Final 1
8:00pm SF Semi—Final 2

Friday, August 10

8:30am 11/12 6th Pool A—6th Pool B
11:30am 5/6 3rd Pool A—3rd Pool B
3:30pm Bronze Loser #3—Loser #34
8:00pm Gold Winner #33—Winner #34



Caroline Nichols celebrates with teammates after scoring against Argentina on her home in Norfolk, Va.

OLYMPIC PREVIEW POOL A—RAPID FIRE

BELGIUM

World Ranking: No. 16



Belgium is the lowest-ranked team in the Women's Olympic tournament. It is their first appearance at an Olympics – making them the only team with no prior five ring experience. Belgium made history by defeating the top-seeded team at their Olympic Qualifier to secure a ticket to London. Watch out for Stephanie de Groof, who is Belgium's penalty corner specialist for the team and will look to capitalize on these scoring opportunities in London

CHINA

World Ranking: No. 5



China earned their first Olympic medal as hosts of the 2008 Beijing Games and will be looking for a second podium finish in London. The Chinese women's hockey team have qualified a team of 16 players for the Games by virtue of winning the 2010 Asian Games hockey title. The 16-player roster features Baorong Fu, the oldest member of the Chinese squad and most capped, appearing in 286 competitions.

GREAT BRITAIN

World Ranking: No. 4



The host nation team Great Britain will be looking to improve on their sixth place finish at the last Olympics in Beijing and inspire the nation by challenging for a medal in London. As host nation Great Britain gains automatic qualification. Keep an eye on Alex Danson. At the age of 16 she made her international debut, and has since racked up an incredible 152-caps. She was recently named a 2011 FIH World All Star.

JAPAN

World Ranking: No. 9



Japan is the third-highest ranked team from Asia, behind China and Korea. Japan convincingly won the third and final women's qualification tournament on home soil in Kakamigahara to advance on to the Olympic Games. Look out for Akemi Kato, who is 41 years old and will be not only the oldest player in the women's hockey tournament, but also among the oldest athletes in London. She has over 400 caps of experience to her name.

KOREA

World Ranking: No. 8



Korea is the second highest rated Asian side in the competition after China. They boast two silver medals from the 1988 Seoul and 1996 Atlanta Games. Korea fell just shy of a podium finish in the 1992 Barcelona Games. Qualification was achieved with a silver medal at the Asian Games in Guangzhou in 2010. Lee Seon Ok is a key player to watch. She is a defensive rock, captaining the side from back.

NETHERLANDS

World Ranking: No. 1



The Dutch have played in the last seven Olympic Games, only missing the 1980 Games due to the boycott in Moscow. From those seven events, two gold, one silver and three bronze medals have accrued with 1992's sixth place finish their worst performance, and they go to London as reigning champions. As European Champions, the Netherlands claimed one of the two automatic slots from the continental competition to London along with Germany. Keep an eye on Maartje Paumen who was named the 2011 FIH Player of the Year, is the top scorer in Champions Trophy history and scored in every single game of the Netherlands' 2010 World Cup campaign.

OLYMPIC PREVIEW POOL B—RAPID FIRE

ARGENTINA

World Ranking No. 2



Argentina has been collecting Olympic hardware since 2000 where they claimed a silver medal. They also boast two bronze medals from the 2004 and 2008 Olympic Games and will surely be looking for a gold medal to add their collection in London. Despite the U.S. snatching an automatic Olympic berth from them, Argentina was saved from having to play in an Olympic Qualifier when the South African Olympic Committee refused the direct qualification earned by its team and the spot was given to the Argentinians as the top ranked not yet qualified team. Keep an eye on Luciana Aymar, arguably the best field hockey player in the world and seven-time FIH Player of the Year.

AUSTRALIA

World Ranking No. 7



One of the most decorated field hockey nations in the world, Australia owns three gold medals from the 1988, 1996 and 2000 Olympic Games. They finished fifth at both the 2004 and 2008 Games and are looking to reassert themselves on top of the podium in London. Look out for Toni Cronk, the only player left from the team that played at the Athens Games in 2004 and is set to represent her country at her third Olympic Games.

GERMANY

World Ranking No. 3



Germany is competing in their sixth Olympic Games. They finished just out of medal contention (fourth) at the Beijing Olympics in 2008 and their biggest success was a gold medal in Athens 2004. They also claimed two silver medals at the 1984 and 1992 Olympic Games. Germany qualified for the Olympics as runners-up of the 2011 European Championship. Watch out for Natascha Keller, who has scored 203 goals and competed in over 400 competitions.

NEW ZEALAND

World Ranking No. 6



After a disappointing twelfth place finish at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, the Black Sticks will certainly be looking for a better result in London. The team features two, three-time Olympians and two, two-time Olympians. The Black Sticks qualified for the London Olympics as Oceania Cup champions. Keep an eye on Kayla Sharland, a three-time Olympian.

SOUTH AFRICA

World Ranking No. 12



The South Africans have played in three previous Olympic Games, finishing eleventh in 2008, ninth in 2004 and 10th in 2000. The South African women won the Africa Cup, which normally would automatically qualify them directly for the Olympics. However, the South African National Olympic Committee required the team to participate in an Olympic Qualifier. The South African women went on to win the qualifying event in India. Look for Pietie Coetzee, who is a scoring threat and now has more than 230 markers in her illustrious career.

USA

World Ranking No. 10



The U.S. has participated in four Olympic Games, with their best finish being a bronze medal in 1984. They took a rookie team to the 2008 Olympic Games and finished a disappointing eighth. The U.S. defeated the No. 1 world ranked Argentinians, 4-2, in the final of the XVI Pan American Games to earn an automatic Olympic berth. Up to the 2011 Pan American Games, the Argentinean women had never lost a match in continental competition. Look out for Lauren Crandall, 2008 Olympian and team captain who will anchor the defense for the U.S.

KAYLA BASHORE SMEDLEY

2008, 2012 OLYMPIAN

Personal

Position: Midfield

Jersey No.: 26

Caps: 167

Date of Birth: February 20, 1983

Hometown: Shoemakersville, Pa.

Current Residence: Chula Vista, Cali.

Education: Indiana University (Biology, '05)

Until the age of 15, Bashore Smedley was accustomed to the black and white patches of a soccer ball. In an untraditional story for a two-time field hockey Olympian athlete, Bashore Smedley only picked up a stick for the first time as a freshman in high school, at the age of 15, and hasn't put it down since. She earned a scholarship at Indiana University in 2005 and a spot on the National Team in 2006 where she continued on to represent the U.S. in the 2008 Beijing Olympics. The Shoemakersville, Pa. native was named to the 2011 Pan American Team but was replaced due to a head injury suffered during an intra-squad scrimmage three weeks prior to the Games.

She is the daughter of Allen and Marjorie Bashore and has four siblings, Rodney, Michael, Crystal, Kaleena.

Short List Performance

- Beijing 2008 Olympics, eighth-place finish
- 2007 Pan American Games, silver medal

Connect

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In the News

- Bashore Smedley named to U.S. Field Hockey Olympic Team roster. *IUHoosiers.com*, June 11, 2012



LAUREN CRANDALL

2008, 2012 OLYMPIAN

Personal

Position: Defender

Jersey No.: 27

Caps: 177

Date of Birth: March 17, 1985

Hometown: Doylestown, Pa.

Current Residence: Coronado, Cali.

Education: Wake Forest University (Communications, '07)

With a captain's band over her shin guard and her experience in the 2008 Beijing Olympic Team under her belt, U.S. Women's National Team defender Crandall is leading the U.S. Squad to the Olympic matches in London. The U.S. captain became a permanent name on the National Team roster in 2005. Crandall, a Doylestown, PA native and a 2007 Wake Forest University graduate, holds 177 caps including the Cinderella story upset against then ranked No. 1 Argentina in the Pan American Games. The win in Guadalajara, Mexico earned the U.S. their spot in the London Olympics.

Crandall joined the National Team in 2005. She is the daughter of Amy and Tim and has three siblings, Shane, Lindsey and Kailey. Crandall graduated magna cum laude from Wake Forest University.

Short List Performance

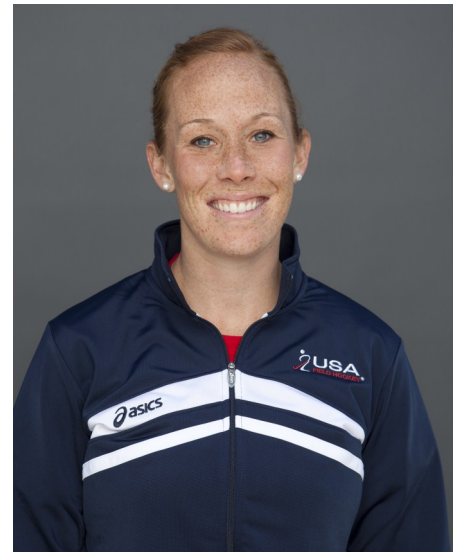
- 2011 Pan American Games champion
- Beijing 2008 Olympics, eighth-place finish
- 2007 Pan American Games, silver medal
- Two-time NCAA champion
- Three-time All-American

Connect

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RACHEL DAWSON

2008, 2012 OLYMPIAN

Personal

Position: Midfield

Jersey No.: 8

Caps: 185

Date of Birth: August 2, 1985

Hometown: Berlin, N.J.

Current Residence: San Diego, Cali.

Education: University of North Carolina (Business Administration, '07)

From her childhood home in Berlin, NJ, Dawson shared her competitive spirit, natural athleticism and a tiny bathroom with her seven siblings. Two of her older sisters even played field hockey for the U.S. National Team. For Dawson, being a part of a big team is second nature. The versatile defender, midfielder joined the National Team in 2005 and graduated from the University of North Carolina in 2007. She is the most capped athlete on the squad with 185 marks. Dawson is also one of the seven 2008 Beijing Olympians selected to return to the Olympics again and represent the U.S. in London.

She is the daughter of Karen and David Dawson. She has seven siblings, two brothers, David and Andrew, and five sisters, Sarah, Meghan, Hannah, Melanie and Natalie.

Short List Performance

- 2011 Pan American Games champion
- Beijing 2008 Olympics, eighth-place finish
- 2007 Pan American Games, silver medal
- 2006 FIH Nominee for Young Player of the Year award, given to the top player in the world under the age of 23

Connect

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- theathleteway.blogspot.com
- espn.go.com/espnw/rachel-dawson/

In the News

- Rachel Dawson on how to be a good teammate. *USAToday.com*, April 22, 2012



KATELYN FALGOWSKI

2008, 2012 OLYMPIAN

Personal

Position: Midfield

Jersey No.: 23

Caps: 123

Date of Birth: October 23, 1988

Hometown: Landenberg, Pa.

Current Residence: Chula Vista, Cali.

Education: University of North Carolina (Communications, '11)

Pairing successful knee surgery in December 2011 with an aggressive rehab schedule, midfielder Falgowski was back on the turf preparing for the Olympic Games in April. She was the youngest U.S. player to compete at the 2006 World Cup and the only collegiate athlete on the Beijing Olympic roster in 2008. A debilitating concussion in 2010 and a torn anterior cruciate ligament could not slow down this rising young star on the world stage. Falgowski led the Tar Heels to the final of the NCAA tournament and played in the match of her life, shutting down Argentina's top player in the Pan American Games final... all with a busted knee. Not surprisingly, she was named a 2011 World All-Star by the International Hockey Federation and was also a nominee for FIH Young Player of the Year Award; given to finest field hockey athletes under the age of 23.

Falgowski became the fourth player in North Carolina field hockey history to have her jersey retired. She is the daughter of Ken and Cindy Falgowski and has two sisters, Kerry, Carly and one brother, Tim.

Short List Performance

- 2011 Pan American Games champion
- Beijing 2008 Olympics, eighth-place finish
- 2007 Pan American Games, silver medal
- 2006 World Cup, sixth-place finish

Connect

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- Facebook.com/KatelynFalgowski

In the News

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MELISSA GONZALEZ

2012 OLYMPIAN

Personal

Position: Midfield

Jersey No.: 5

Caps: 74

Date of Birth: January 24, 1989

Hometown: Mohegan Lake, N.Y.

Current Residence: Coronado, Cali.

Education: University of Connecticut (Coaching Administration, '11)

The former University of Connecticut field hockey star earned her pivotal spot on the National Team in 2010. Gonzalez verified her importance at the Pan American Games by being a part of an outcome that made U.S. Field Hockey history. Her ability to secure vital goals, scoring during the final USA vs. ARG series in Virginia this June, makes her a key athlete at her first Olympic Games appearance.

She is the daughter of Felix and Yolanda Gonzalez.

Short List Performance

- 2011 Pan American Games champion
- 2009 Big East Defensive Player of the Year
- 2009 Junior World Cup, eighth-place finish

Connect

- @mellygee123

In the News

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- Lakeland graduate Gonzalez has an Olympic dream. *Lohud.com*, April 23, 2012



MICHELLE KASOLD

2012 OLYMPIAN

Personal

Position: Striker

Jersey No.: 18

Caps: 111

Date of Birth: May 26, 1987

Hometown: Chapel Hill, N.C.

Current Residence: Chula Vista, Cali.

Education: Wake Forest University (Sociology, '09)

A prominent part of the National Team's line up, the Chapel Hill, N.C. native will take the pitch in London, utilizing her ball speed and impressive knowledge of the game. Kasold has been with the National Team since 2006, just missing the Beijing Olympic Games. Graduating in 2009, the striker is one of three Wake Forest University alums on the Olympic Squad. Kasold was part of the 2011 Pan American Team that made U.S. Field Hockey history.

She is the daughter of Jeff and Carol Kasold and has one brother, Matthew.

Short List Performance

- 2011 Pan American Games champion
- 2007 Pan American Games, silver medal

Connect

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In the News

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CLAIRE LAUBACH

2012 OLYMPIAN

Personal

Position: Defender

Jersey No.: 21

Caps: 150

Date of Birth: July 29, 1983

Hometown: Centreville, Va.

Current Residence: San Diego, Cali.

Education: Wake Forest University (Studio Art, '05)

U.S. defender Laubach's story of National Team success stems from her perseverance. Although an official member the National Team since 2005, Laubach was not selected to the 2008 Beijing Team and was demoted to the development squad. Determined to redirect her career, the 2005 Wake Forest University alum mastered the drag flick skill, becoming an international threat and a leading scorer on the U.S. Team on penalty corners.

She is the daughter of Barbara and Cabell Llyod and Ellen Laubach. She has six siblings, Colin, Justin, Emily, Courtney, Elliott and Bennett.

Short List Performance

- 2011 Pan American Games champion
- Three-time NCAA National Champion

In the News

- Women's Field Hockey Aims to End Olympic Drought. *NPR.org*, July 11, 2012
- Claire Laubach packs a punch with wicked stickwork. *WashingtonTimes.com*, December 21, 2011



CAROLINE NICHOLS

2008, 2012 OLYMPIAN

Personal

Position: Defender

Jersey No.: 19

Caps: 134

Date of Birth: December 15, 1984

Hometown: Virginia Beach, Va.

Current Residence: Chula Vista, Cali.

Education: Old Dominion University (Biology, '07)

A veteran to the Olympic Games after her performance in the 2008 Beijing Olympics, Nichols will hold down the backfield again for the squad. The Virginia Beach, Va. raised athlete has 134 caps to her name, the seventh highest capped member of the squad. A solid force on penalty corners and penalty strokes, Nichols' play is consistent and relied upon. Just as her teammates rely on her, Nichols similarly depends on her dad to get her game started. Nichols calls or Skypes her father before every match for his words of encouragement and to build confidence. Nichols is a 2007 Old Dominion University graduate and became a part of the National Team the same year.

She is the daughter of Ken and Terry Nichols. She has a twin brother, Christopher.

Short List Performance

- 2011 Pan American Games champion
- Beijing 2008 Olympics, eighth-place finish
- The first woman in Colonial Athletic Association history to be named CAA Player of the Year and CAA Defender of the Year in the same season

In the News

- Virginia Beach native on U.S. field hockey team. *Hamptonroads.com*, June 20, 2012



KATIE O'DONNELL

2012 OLYMPIAN

Personal

Position: Striker

Jersey No.: 16

Caps: 116

Date of Birth: December 6, 1988

Hometown: Blue Bell, Pa.

Current Residence: Chula Vista, Cali.

Education: University of Maryland (Elementary Education)

O'Donnell, the U.S. National Squad striker is the most decorated field hockey athlete in the nation. Starting her national career at the age of 16, the Blue Bell, PA native was the youngest player to be named to the U.S. Team. Although the 2011 University of Maryland alum missed out on the Beijing Games, O'Donnell used that to direct her focus on securing her name on the 2012 Olympic roster. She won the Sportswoman of the Year Award by the Women's Sports Foundation in 2010 - an award previously given to Mia Hamm, Serena and Venus Williams.

O'Donnell joined the National Team in 2005 and became the youngest female U.S. athlete to earn an international cap. She is the daughter of Kathy and Buddy O'Donnell and has an older brother, Joey and two older twin sisters, Kelly and Jenny.

Short List Performance

- 2011 Pan American Games champion
- 2011 Honda Sports Award, given to the top collegiate athlete of the year
- 2010 Sportswoman of the Year, Women's Sports Foundation
- 2010 Player of the Year, given a U.S. National Team member by Lee Bodimeade
- Two-time NCAA champion
- Four-time ACC Offensive Player of the Year

Connect

- @KatieODonnellFh

In the News

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KATIE REINPRECHT

2012 OLYMPIAN

Personal

Position: Midfield

Jersey No.: 14

Caps: 71

Date of Birth: November 1, 1989

Hometown: Perkasio, Pa.

Current Residence: Coronado, Cali.

Education: Princeton University (Sociology, '13)

In Reinprecht's first venture to the Olympics, the Perkasio, Pa. native won't only have family support in the stadium bleachers but on London's blue and pink pitch as well. Reinprecht will be competing for the gold along side of her sister, Julia. Reinprecht, a midfielder for the U.S. Women's National Team, took a year off from college and competing with her fellow Princeton University Tigers to train full time with National Team in Chula Vista, Cali.

Reinprecht survived four training sessions with the Navy SEALs. She is currently a two-time reigning Ivy League Player of the year. She is the daughter of Jim and Tina Reinprecht and has two sisters, Julia and Sarah. Sarah graduated from Princeton in 2009 and was a four-time All-Ivy in field hockey.

Short List Performance

- 2011 Pan American Games champion
- 2010 World Cup Qualifier, second-place finish
- Two-time Ivy League Player of the Year
- 2009 Junior World Cup, eighth-place finish
- 2008 Junior Pan American Championships champions

Connect

- @kreinpre

In the News

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- Training to the max with the Navy SEALs. *ESPNW.com*, June 10, 2011



JULIA REINPRECHT

2012 OLYMPIAN

Personal

Position: Defender

Jersey No.: 12

Caps: 62

Date of Birth: July 12, 1991

Hometown: Perkasie, Pa.

Current Residence: Coronado, Cali.

Education: Princeton University (Politics, '14)

Although Reiprecht's life-long vision of becoming part of the U.S. Olympic roster has come to fruition, her sight has not always been the clearest. As a one year old, the Perkasie, Pa. native had a cataract removed from left eye resulting in her vision coming predominately from her right eye. Joining the National Squad in 2010, Reiprecht is the youngest and least capped athlete on the team. As a U.S. Women's National Team defender and as a sister, Reiprecht has midfielder Katie Reiprecht's back. Not only do both sisters compete for the U.S. National Team but they compete together for the Princeton University Tigers as well.

She is the daughter of Jim and Tina Reinprecht and has two sisters, Katie and Sarah. Sarah graduated from Princeton in 2009 and was a four-time All-Ivy in field hockey while Katie is currently the two-time reigning Ivy League Player of the Year.

Short List Performance

- 2011 Pan American Games champion
- 2009 Junior World Cup, eighth-place finish

Connect

- @jreinpre

In the News

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PAIGE SELENSKI

2012 OLYMPIAN

Personal

Position: Striker

Jersey No.: 20

Caps: 71

Date of Birth: June 30, 1990

Hometown: Shavertown, Pa.

Current Residence: Coronado, Cali.

Education: University of Virginia (English, '13)

Capitalizing on her turbo like speed and the strength of her stick skills, the Shavertown, Pa. native is a huge threat on the international scene. Her field hockey career is still in its infancy since her official jump to the U.S. Women's National Team in 2009. Selenski took her senior year off at the University of Virginia to move to Coronado, Cali. to further her training full-time with the National Team.

She is the daughter of Brian and the late Judy Selenski and has two brothers, Brian and Greg.

Short List Performance

- 2011 Pan American Games champion
- Two-time Honda Award semifinalist

Connect

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KELI SMITH PUZO

2008, 2012 OLYMPIAN

Personal

Position: Striker

Jersey No.: 13

Caps: 173

Date of Birth: January 25, 1979

Hometown: Selinsgrove, Pa.

Current Residence: Oxford, Ohio

Education: University of Maryland (Communications and Psychology '01)

Though the U.S. Olympic National Team carries a roster of 16, Smith Puzo added one more to her own family's roster when she gave birth to Ian on August 31, 2011. The birth of her second child did not deter Smith Puzo from coming back full force and training with the National Team in December, just three short months after Ian arrived in this world. The 2001 University of Maryland alum competed in the 2008 Beijing Olympics and will close her Olympic competition resume in London.

Smith Puzo is the oldest member of the U.S. Field Hockey Team at 33 years of age. She and her husband, Inako, have two sons, Xavi and Ian. Xavi was born in January 2010 and Ian was born on August 31, 2011.

Short List Performance

- Beijing 2008 Olympics, eighth-place finish
- 2007 Pan American Games, silver medal
- 2006 World Cup, sixth-place finish
- 2003 Pan American Games, silver medal
- 1999 NCAA National Champion

Connect

- @KeliSmith13
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In the News

- Mother of two, Keli Smith-Puzo aims for 2nd straight U.S. Olympic field hockey bid. *WashingtonTimes.com*, June 6, 2012
- Two pregnancies won't stop Keli Smith from making Olympic push. *SI.com*, March 28, 2012



AMY SWENSEN

2008, 2012 OLYMPIAN

Personal

Position: Goalkeeper

Jersey No.: 25

Caps: 157

Date of Birth: October 2, 1980

Hometown: Grantville, Pa.

Current Residence: Chula Vista, Cali.

Education: University of North Carolina ('02)

Back in the cage after a knee replacement surgery in the fall of 2011, Swensen, the once recognized No. 1 goalkeeper in the world proved resilient making a 100 percent recovery and will join her teammates on the pitch in London. After the U.S. failed to qualify for the 2010 World Cup, Swensen put her goalkeeping equipment aside to pursue a different dream, a career in massage therapy. She also married longtime boyfriend Mark Swensen. Swensen met up with old teammates at the 2011 Women's National Championships for the first time in almost a year. She immediately put herself back in contention for the starting spot on the National Team.

Short List Performance

- Beijing 2008 Olympics, eighth-place finish
- 2007 Pan American Games, silver medal
- 2006 World Cup, sixth-place finish, also named Goalkeeper of the Tournament
- 2003 Pan American Games, silver medal

In the News

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- Swensen headed back to Olympics. *LDNews.com*, June 14, 2012



SHANNON TAYLOR

2012 OLYMPIAN

Personal

Position: Striker

Jersey No.: 11

Caps: 75

Date of Birth: December 25, 1986

Hometown: Midlothian, Va.

Current Residence: Coronado, Cali.

Education: Syracuse University (Rhetoric and Communications, '08)

Taylor's view of the pitch has shifted from defending the cage to deflecting, diving and driving balls past the opposing goalie. The former defender found she has a knack for finding the back of the cage and is now one of the leading goal scorers on the U.S. squad. Entering her first Olympic Games, the 2008 Syracuse University graduate will definitely contribute to the scoreboard on London's turf. The Midlothian, Va. native only joined the National Team two years ago in 2010.

She is the daughter of Kelly and Dwayne Taylor and has two sisters, Jenna and Ellie.

Short List Performance

- 2011 Pan American Games champion
- 2008 Honda Sports Award finalist

Connect

- @be11ieve

In the News

- Ex-James River standout helps U.S. reach Olympics in field hockey. *TimeDispatch.com*, November 2, 2011
- Three Virginia field hockey players named to Olympic team. *NBC12.com*, June 11, 2012



MICHELLE VITTESE

2012 OLYMPIAN

Personal

Position: Midfield

Jersey No.: 9

Caps: 73

Date of Birth: December 6, 1989

Hometown: Cherry Hill, N.J.

Current Residence: Coronado, Cali.

Education: University of Virginia (History, '13)

In a strategic move displaying her dedication and determination to make the Olympic squad, Vittese put her academic pursuits on pause at the University of Virginia to focus entirely on making the National Team. Vittese's decision paid off and Coach Bodimeade recognized her talent with the 2011 Player of the Year award.

She is the daughter of Mark and Pat Vittese. She has two sisters, Tara and Carissa. Carissa is also a member of the Cavaliers field hockey team. Tara is involved in USA Field Hockey's Olympic Development pipeline and could see herself competing alongside her sister in the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games.

Short List Performance

- 2011 Pan American Games champion
- 2011 Player of the Year, given a U.S. National Team member by Lee Bodimeade
- 2009 Junior World Cup, eighth-place finish
- 2005 Junior Olympics champion
- Two-time Junior Olympian (2004, 2005)

Connect

- @michellevitt55

In the News

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LEE BODIMEADE, Head Coach

2008, 2012 OLYMPICS

1992 OLYMPIAN

Lee was named Head Coach of the U.S. Women's National Team in March 2005. He immediately infused the team with a new attitude and increased the pool of athletes, while developing a distinctive style of play for the U.S. Team. Under Lee's direction, the U.S. has propelled back into the international spotlight and has proven they can once again compete with the top teams in the world. Lee led the Americans to the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games and a gold medal finish at the XVI Pan American Games to earn an Olympic berth to the 2012 London Games. Lee was a member of the Australia Men's National Team from 1991-1998 and played in more than 100 games. He was part of the Olympic Team that won a silver medal at the 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games.



NICK CONWAY, Assistant Coach

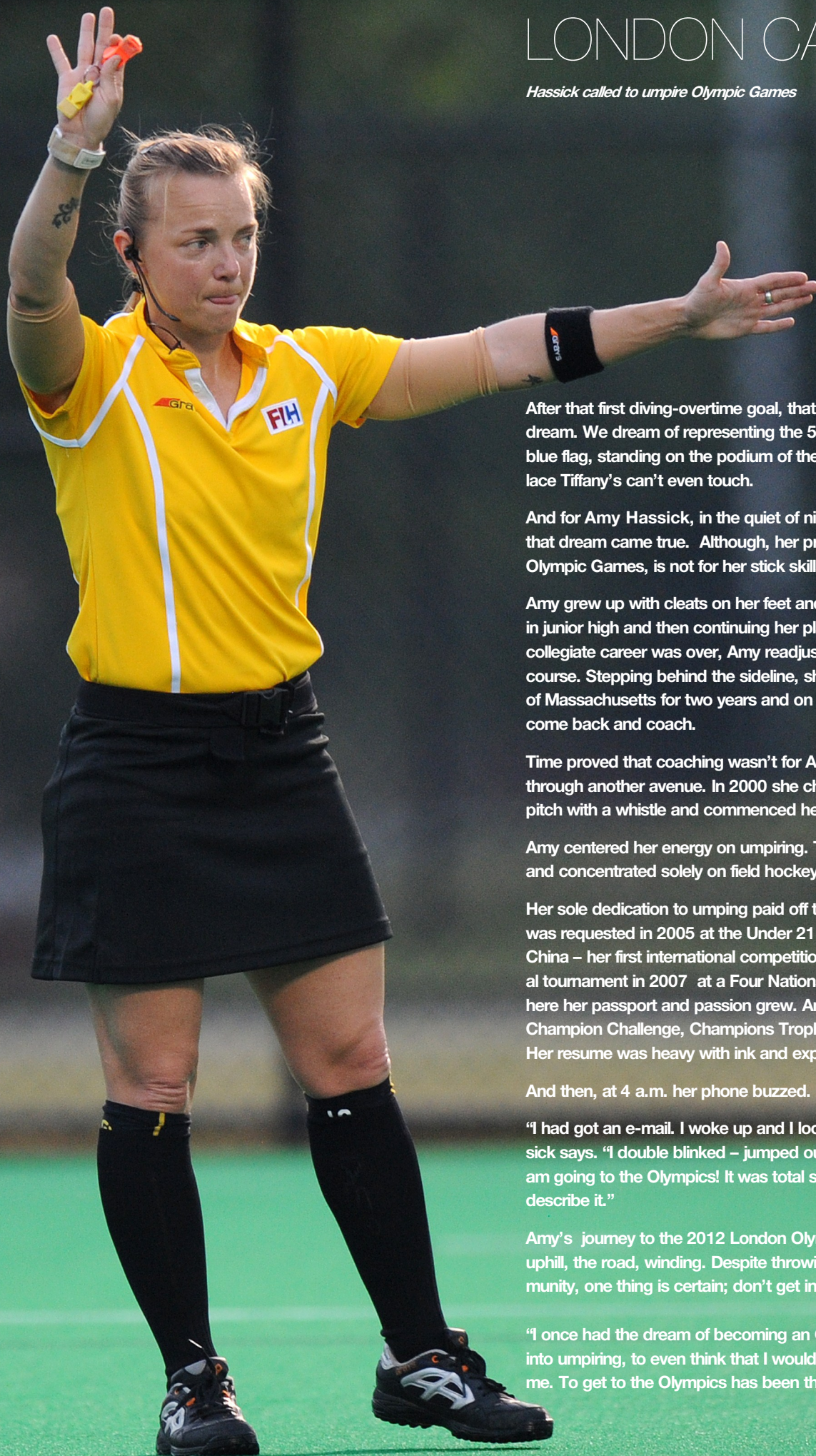
2012 OLYMPICS

Nick rejoined the U.S. Women's National Team in late 2011, after serving as an Assistant Coach from 2003-2004 and Acting Head Coach from 2004-2005. In 2005, Nick was offered a challenging opportunity to revitalize men's hockey in the U.S. and elevate the U.S. Men's National Team to a higher international standard. He remained in his role as Head Coach of the Men's program for six years. Prior to joining USA Field Hockey, Nick was part of the University of North Carolina's coaching staff for eight seasons. As a Tar Heel assistant, Nick helped direct Carolina to NCAA titles in 1995, '96 and '97.



LONDON CALLING

Hassick called to umpire Olympic Games



After that first diving-overtime goal, that heart-pounding corner save – we begin to dream. We dream of representing the 50 stars stitched onto that red, white and blue flag, standing on the podium of the world’s stage and sporting a gold necklace Tiffany’s can’t even touch.

And for Amy Hassick, in the quiet of night with the simple buzz of a cell phone, that dream came true. Although, her presence is requested in London for the Olympic Games, is not for her stick skills.

Amy grew up with cleats on her feet and a field hockey stick in her hands, starting in junior high and then continuing her play for Northeastern University. After her collegiate career was over, Amy readjusted her sails and embarked on a new course. Stepping behind the sideline, she took a coaching position at the University of Massachusetts for two years and on her third year, Northeastern asked Amy to come back and coach.

Time proved that coaching wasn’t for Amy and she wanted to pursue hockey through another avenue. In 2000 she chose to be outfitted in “stripes”, took the pitch with a whistle and commenced her umpiring career.

Amy centered her energy on umpiring. Two years ago, she quit her teaching job and concentrated solely on field hockey to see how far she could go.

Her sole dedication to umpiring paid off to the fullest. From here Amy’s expertise was requested in 2005 at the Under 21 test series with the Club Team in Shanghai, China – her first international competition. Then followed her first official international tournament in 2007 at a Four Nations in Chile with the US National Team. From here her passport and passion grew. Amy umpired the Pan Am Games Games, Champion Challenge, Champions Trophy, World Cups and World Cup qualifiers. Her resume was heavy with ink and experience.

And then, at 4 a.m. her phone buzzed.

“I had got an e-mail. I woke up and I looked at it and wondered what it was,” Hassick says. “I double blinked – jumped out of bed and flung on the light and yelled I am going to the Olympics! It was total shock and excitement. I don’t know how to describe it.”

Amy’s journey to the 2012 London Olympics was far from smooth - the climb , uphill, the road, winding. Despite throwing on various caps in the field hockey community, one thing is certain; don’t get in the way of a girl and her goal.

“I once had the dream of becoming an Olympic athlete,” Amy says. “When I got into umpiring, to even think that I would umpire the World Cup was a big goal for me. To get to the Olympics has been the ultimate goal and to do that at my point in

