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THE PUCK DROP:
USA WOMEN'S HOCKEY IS GOLDEN AGAIN

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For the second time this year, the USA women's hockey team has brought a gold medal back to the states.

From Nov. 6 to 16 women's hockey teams from around the country traveled to Denmark to take part in the annual IIHF Women's World Championships. On Monday, in the Championship game, fans got to see an Olympic gold medal game rematch with USA taking on Canada.

Led by their Captain Hilary Knight, the US defeated Canada 6-2, marking their 12th Championship in the tournament. According to an article from USA Hockey, over the seven games they played, the United States outscored their opponents 56-4.

"We have an unbelievable team that put on excellent performances all tournament," head coach John Wroblewski said in an article from USA Hockey. "It takes a special group of people to come together like this team does, and I couldn't be prouder of this group."

While Canada struck first in the game, the Americans answered quickly with a goal from Sarah Fillier in the first period. After that, the US had the upper hand for the rest of the matchup.

Shortly after, Knight put the United States' first goal up on the board shortly after, rebounding the puck off an attempt from one of her teammates. The US then scored three more unanswered goals with the score 4-1, United States, heading into the third period.

One of those goals came from Knight, her second of the night, and two from Kelly Pannek. A two-goal performance earned Pannek player of the game honors. Knight, who is captain of the Detroit Clutch, was named one of the Three Best Players of the Tournament, alongside USA goaltender Aerin Frankel and defender Caroline Harvey.

Throughout the tournament, Frankel made 18 saves in the matchup and has been an integral member of the USA women's hockey team during their journey through the Olympics and the World Championships.

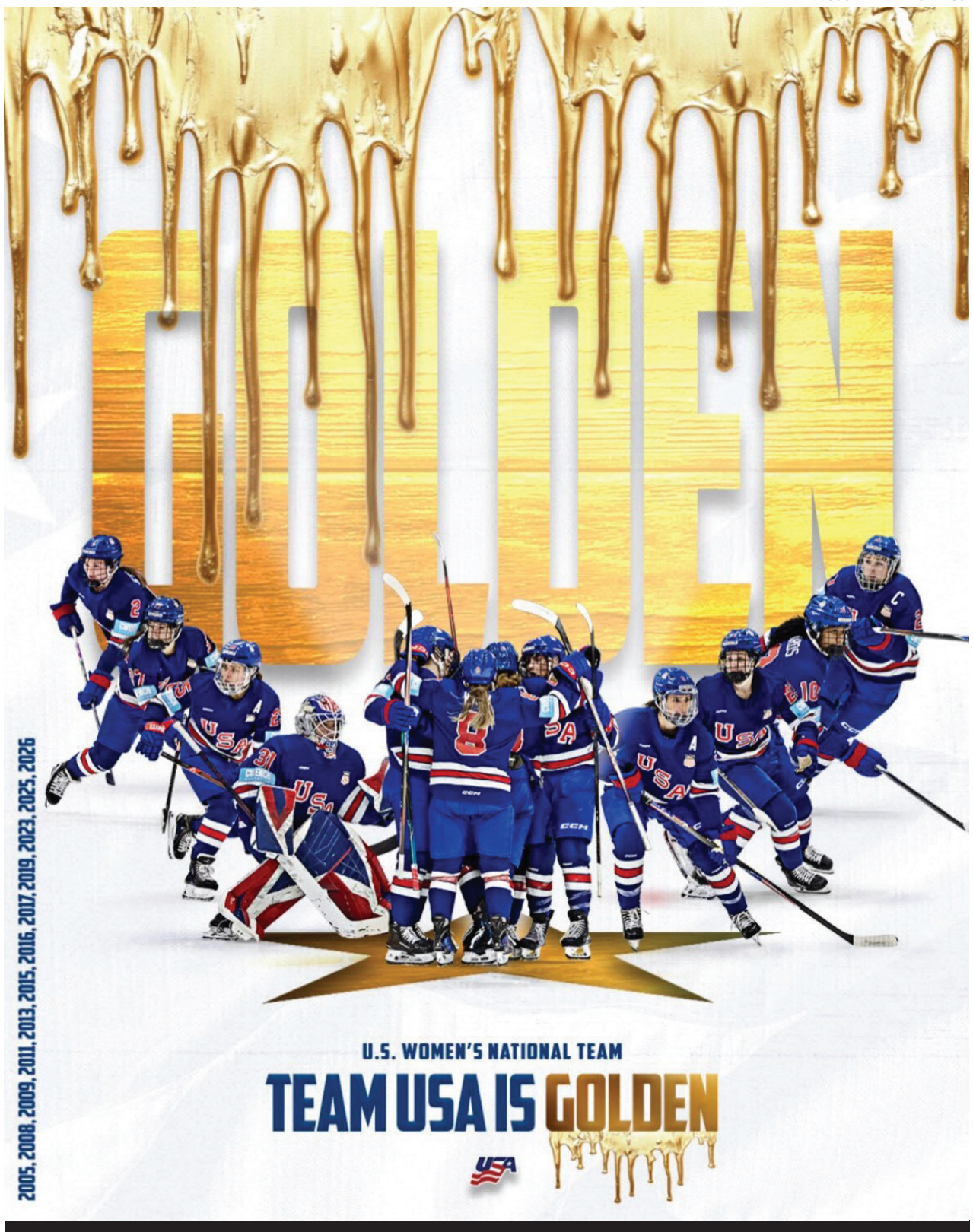
Caroline Harvey, the PWHL's 2026 No. 1 draft pick was named the Tournament MVP and the Best Defender of the Championship game. Harvey, a native of Salem, N.H., will begin her rookie season with the Vancouver Goldeneyes this December.

"You have the players that we have who have stayed on top of the game like Hilary, and players that have made their way to the top like Caroline Harvey and everyone in between," Pannek said in an article from ESPN.com. "We play gritty at times. We play skilled at times. And it's just super fun to be a part of."

If fans can't get enough of these USA hockey players, they can catch them in action in the Professional Women's Hockey League. The PWHL will kick off its season on Dec. 5, 2026. Opening weekend will give fans a chance to see all 12 teams in the league hit the ice.



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A graphic features the U.S. women's national ice hockey team. The Americans won gold at the 2026 IIHF Women's World Championship in Herning, Denmark, on Nov. 16.

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The 2026-27 U.S. women's national ice hockey team poses for a photo. The Americans won gold at the 2026 IIHF Women's World Championship in Herning, Denmark, on Wednesday.

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