



## USA TEAM PROFILE - Women's



The USA women's national Volleyball team has nearly completed its third year of the quadrennial intent on building upon the success it has enjoyed with head coach Toshi Yoshida, since 2000.

In 2001 the United States captured the gold medal at the World Grand Prix, followed in 2002 by the silver medal at the Women's Volleyball World Championship. But 2003 is seen as the most important year because teams can begin qualifying for the 12 available slots at the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens, Greece. The first qualifier being the World Cup in Japan. So far USA collected bronze at the 2003 World Grand Prix and at the Pan Am Games before claiming the gold medal at the NORCECA Continental Championships. However, despite the recent success, Yoshida insists that the players maintain their focus

on the ultimate goal—winning a gold medal in Greece.

This season Yoshida has had everyone back from the team he took to the 2002 World Championships, including the tournament's Best Blocker Danielle Scott; outside hitters Logan Tom, Keba Phipps and Tayyiba Haneef; middle blocker Heather Bown; and libero Stacy Sykora. All but Haneef have prior Olympic experience.



### Recent Results

#### NORCECA Continental Women's Championship in the Dominican Republic (September)

Gold medal play-off: USA beat Cuba 3-0 (25-22, 25-17, 30-28)  
Semifinal: USA beat Canada 3-0 (25-16, 25-19, 25-16)  
USA beat Cuba 3-2 (20-25, 25-20, 25-20, 18-25, 15-13)  
USA beat Costa Rica 3-0 (25-11, 25-11, 25-19)

#### Series against Brazil in USA (October)

USA beat Brazil 3-1 (25-22, 16-25, 25-15, 25-20)  
USA lost to Brazil 3-1 (25-20, 25-12, 20-25, 25-22)  
USA lost to Brazil 3-0 (29-27, 25-19, 25-19)  
USA lost to Brazil 3-0 (26-24, 25-16, 27-25)

#### Pan Am Games in the Dominican Republic (August)

Play off for Bronze: USA beat Brazil 3-1  
Semifinal: USA lost to Cuba 3-0 (25-19, 25-19, 25-21)  
Quarterfinal: USA beat Venezuela 3-0 (25-18, 25-20, 36-34)  
USA beat Peru 3-1 (25-20, 21-25, 25-22, 25-22)  
USA beat Puerto Rico 3-2 (24-26, 25-23, 17-25, 25-23, 16-14)  
USA lost to Brazil 3-0 (30-28, 25-13, 25-18)

#### 2003 World Grand Prix in Italy (July) finished third

USA beat the Netherlands 3-0 (25-22, 25-20, 28-26)  
USA beat Korea 3-0 (30-28, 25-21, 25-17)  
USA lost to Russia 3-1 (25-19, 21-25, 25-21, 25-17)  
USA beat Italy 3-0 (25-19, 25-19, 26-24)  
USA lost to China 3-0 (25-21, 26-24, 28-26)  
USA lost to Italy 3-2 (23-25, 20-25, 25-23, 25-15, 15-9)  
USA beat Germany 3-1 (25-21, 25-20, 17-25, 33-31)  
USA beat the Netherlands 3-0 (25-23, 25-20, 25-15)  
USA beat Japan 3-2 (24-26, 25-17, 25-15, 23-25, 15-12)  
USA beat Cuba 3-0 (25-22, 25-19, 25-14)

#### World Cup results

1999 - Ninth  
1995 - Seventh  
1991 - Fourth  
1981 - Fourth  
1977 - Seventh  
1973 - Sixth



### Team Roster

1 Phipps Prikeba, 2 Scott Danielle, 3 Haneef Tayyiba, 4 Berg Lindsey, 5 Sykora Stacy, 6 Bachman Elisabeth, 7 Bown Heather, 11 Ah Mow-Santos, 13 Cross-Battle Tara, 15 Tom Logan, 16 Noriega Sarah, 18 Metcalf Nancy.