



**US HOCKEY HALL OF FAME INDUCTION
1998 U.S. OLYMPIC WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY TEAM
CONGRATULATIONS, SHELLEY LOONEY!**

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New Jersey Colonials Women's Hockey Director, Shelley Looney, will be inducted, into the US Hockey Hall of Fame, this evening, along with her fellow teammates from the 1998 USA Women's Olympic Hockey Team. The event will take place at the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts, at 7:00 PM.

The influence that the 1998 Women's Olympic Team has had on women's hockey in the United States is tantamount to the influence that the 1980 Men's USA Olympic "Miracle on Ice" team had on boys hockey. Women's hockey debuted in the Olympics in 1998 when the US Women's hockey team defeated their arch rival, Team Canada, twice! Shelley Looney, #15, played a significant role in helping the team in these incredible victories.

When Shelley took over the helm as the Colonials Women's Hockey Directory in January, 2006, the Colonials had 3 women's teams. We are now at 8, which includes a 10 U developmental program. Each year, Shelley has taken teams to compete in the USA Hockey Women's National Championships, along with participating, as a player, in the Senior A Division of the USA Hockey Women's National Championships.

Shelley, along with her terrific and dedicated staff, are instilling in young women, not only a love for this rigorous sport, but the skills and discipline needed to succeed at the highest levels of hockey.

Please join us in congratulating Coach Shelley on this incredible achievement in her outstanding and stellar career!

The New Jersey Colonials Board of Directors

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1998 U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team

The 1998 U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team had a powerful impact on the growth of girls' and women's hockey in the United States thanks to the success it enjoyed at the 1998 Olympic Winter Games in Nagano, Japan. The team twice defeated arch-rival Canada, including by a 3-1 count in the gold-medal game, en route to winning the first gold medal presented in women's ice hockey at an Olympic Winter Games. Behind the guidance of Head Coach Ben Smith, Team USA finished the tournament undefeated (6-0-0) and outscored its opponents, 36-8. Cammi Granato, a 2008 U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Inductee, Karyn Bye, Katie King and Gretchen Ulion, co-led the U.S. with eight points each, while net minders Sarah Tueting and Sara DeCosta split time in goal, each winning three games. Shelley Looney scored the game winning goal to bring the Gold home.

Team USA United for Gold Medal Victory

They came to Japan with a singular purpose — to become the first-ever Olympic champion in women's ice hockey — and in the process they crafted the signature moment of the XVIII Olympic Winter Games. Pick a glowing phrase or adjective and it has been used to describe the achievement of the 1998 U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team and the 20 players who came together to realize a dream.

http://videos.teamusa.org/index.jsp?fr_story=586e3748d5509ab622997f2a13ce558858812558

1998 US Women's Olympic Roster

GOALTENDERS

- 1 Sara DeCosta
- 29 Sarah Tueting

DEFENSEMEN

- 2 Tara Mounsey
- 4 Angela Ruggiero
- 5 Colleen Coyne
- 7 Sue Merz
- 14 Vicki Movsessian
- 24 Chris Bailey



FORWARDS

- 3 Lisa Brown-Miller
- 6 Karyn Bye
- 8 Laurie Baker
- 9 Sandra Whyte
- 11 A.J. Mleczko
- 12 Jenny Schmidgall
- 15 Shelley Looney
- 18 Alana Blahoski
- 20 Katie King
- 21 Cammi Granato
- 22 Gretchen Ulion
- 25 Tricia Dunn