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## Olympic Hockey Qualifier Women, Manukau, Auckland

Match 27 (5<sup>th</sup> Olympic place playoff)  
Saturday 27 March 2004

### Korea 4 - 0 United States

Yun Mi Kim	PC 15m
Mi Seong Lee	FG 17m
Mi Hyun Park	FG 28m
Seong Eun Kim	FG 56m

#### Match Summary

Korea earned a thoroughly deserved Olympic berth with a comprehensive victory over USA. Korea was dominant in every facet of play and after a shaky start to the tournament, is one of the in-form teams along with Japan. USA found it difficult to contain the pace and sharpness of the Korean midfield and strike line. Two goals in the opening quarter ended any realistic chances of an upset as Korea added two more goals to cruise to victory. It's the second Olympic Hockey Qualifier in a row that the USA has finished in sixth place – and one agonising position from a place in the Games field. It is also be the third Olympic Games in a row, excluding 1996 when they qualified as the home team, that the USA has failed to qualify. They join Great Britain (5) as the only two teams ranked inside the top 10 in world that have missed out on the Athens Games.

#### Quotes

"I always believed with our world ranking that we could do it. I never gave up. I had to do my best otherwise I would leave hockey. I was thinking at night terrible things. I was getting just 1-2 hours sleep." On the turnaround in form from the round robin matches: "The young players became much more confident and realised that they had to do it."

On the Olympics: "We are going to get better. Two or three players will come back in the next two or three weeks."

**Kim Sang Ryul, KOR Coach**

"Korea outplayed us. It was as simple as that. They played very well. There are a lot of dreams shattered today. There will be many tears behind closed doors."

On the reaction back home: "I don't care about the reaction back home. This is about us. I am very proud of the team right now. They have a lot of spirit."

On the staff positions in the national program: "I did the best that I could. It's up to me now to decide what I want to do, and the Association will decide what they want to do. I am very happy with the staff we have and I wouldn't have changed anything. Our team was very well prepared for this tournament."

**Beth Anders, USA Coach**

#### Stats

1 from 2	Penalty corners	0 from 5
0 from 0	Penalty strokes	0 from 0
3 from 13	Field goal shots	0 from 3

#### Penalty Cards

Nil Nil

#### Final Ranking

5 6



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