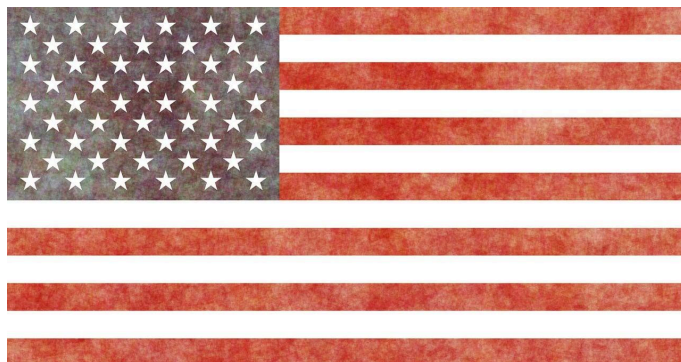


The US Women's National Team: 2012-2019



1) Discussion

- a) Has your country won a lot of international trophies?
 - b) Do you watch women's football?
 - c) Does your country have a good women's team?
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2) Vocabulary

a) Match the vocabulary to the definition.

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| 1) Enthralling (adjective) | a) The attitude or feeling of a group, often showing enthusiasm and energy. |
| 2) Hat-trick (noun) | b) The same in value, amount, or importance. |
| 3) Hold a tournament (phrase) | c) To organize and run a sports competition. |
| 4) Spirit (noun) | d) Strongest and most powerful |
| 5) Equal (adjective) | e) Very exciting and interesting. |
| 6) Dominant (adjective) | f) When a player scores three goals in one game. |



b) Complete the sentences with the vocabulary from exercise 2a.

Enthralling

Hat-trick

Hold the Tournament

Spirit

Equal

Dominant

- 1) The US Women's National Team fought for _____ pay compared to the men's team.
- 2) The next Women's World Cup is in 2027, FIFA will _____ in Brazil.
- 3) Aitana Bonmati's performance in the World Cup final was _____; she was named the best player of the tournament.
- 4) Marta is a _____ player for Brazil, often leading her team to victory.
- 5) During the 2015 Women's World Cup final, Carli Lloyd scored a _____ to help the US win the title.
- 6) The team's _____ was very strong, with all players supporting each other on and off the field.



3) Quick Read - Read the article quickly and answer the question.

- a) What trophies did the USWNT win during this time?
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The USWNT

Between 2012 and 2019, the US Women's National Soccer Team (USWNT) had great success. They became one of the best teams in the world. This period was full of victories and trophies.

The USWNT won many important tournaments. In 2012, they won the gold medal at the London Olympics. It was an enthralling final against Japan, and the US team won 2-1. Carli Lloyd scored both goals and was a key player in this win.

In 2015, the team won the FIFA Women's World Cup in Canada. This was a huge achievement. In the final, they played against Japan again and won 5-2. Carli Lloyd scored a hat-trick in the first 16 minutes of the game. Other important players in this tournament were Abby Wambach, Megan Rapinoe, and Hope Solo.

In 2019, the USWNT won the FIFA Women's World Cup again. This time, the tournament was held in France. The team played the final against the Netherlands and won 2-0. Megan Rapinoe and Rose Lavelle scored the goals. Megan Rapinoe was also named the best player of the tournament. Other key players included Alex Morgan and Julie Ertz.

Over these seven years, the team developed a lot. They had many talented players and a strong team spirit. The coach, Jill Ellis, helped the team to improve and stay focused on winning. The team also became famous for fighting for equal pay and better conditions for women in sports.

The USWNT's success between 2012 and 2019 was amazing. They won two World Cups and an Olympic gold medal. The key players like Carli Lloyd, Megan Rapinoe, and Alex Morgan played very important roles in these victories. The team showed great skill, teamwork, and determination, making them a dominant force in women's soccer.



4) Read for Detail - Read the article again and answer the questions.

- a) Which team did the USWNT play in the final to win the gold medal at the 2012 London Olympics?
 - b) How many goals did Carli Lloyd score in the first 16 minutes of the 2015 Women's World Cup final?
 - c) In which country was the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup held?
 - d) Who was named the best player of the 2019 Women's World Cup tournament?
 - e) What did the US Women's National Soccer Team become famous for fighting for, besides their success on the field?
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5) Discussion

- a) What do you think about the USWNT from 2012-2019?
- b) What games do you remember?
- c) Who were your favourite players in this team?
- d) What are some other good women's teams?

