

USA U21 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

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FIRST FIBA U21 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FOR WOMEN □ 2003

SIBENIK, CROATIA

JULY 25 - AUGUST 3, 2003

Teamwork. That single word sums up the USA's run for gold at the 2003 FIBA World Championship For Young Women as it was a total team effort that helped the USA Young Women's National Team strike gold with a 7-1 record in Sibenik, Croatia. The U.S. was coached by Ohio State University head coach Jim Foster, who now boasts a sterling 27-4 (.871) record as a USA Basketball head coach, and has been a part of five gold medal and one bronze medal winning coaching staffs.

Featuring young women's national teams (players 21 and younger) from 12 countries, the inaugural tournament was held July 25 - Aug. 3 and saw Brazil take the silver and France earn bronze after surpassing host Croatia in the fourth quarter for the 80-66 victory.

Seimone Augustus was tabbed as the MVP of the 2003 FIBA World Championship For Young Women and was listed on the All-World team. In addition to Augustus, Alana Beard and Christi Thomas were named to the 2003 All-FIBA World Championship For Young Women Team. France's Celine Dumerc and Brazil's Erika de Souza rounded out the five-member squad.

Opening with a 56-48 victory over France on July 25, the U.S., which held a 27-20 halftime advantage, was led by Beard's 13 points.

The U.S. received 61 points from its bench while earning a convincing 95-46 victory over South Korea on July 26. Leading the way for the USA were Kristen Mann with 16 points, Caity Matter pitched in 15 and Shawntinice Polk contributed 13.

The U.S. never got on track against a tough Brazilian squad and suffered its only setback on July 27, a 73-60 loss. Cappie Pondexter was the only U.S. player who scored in double digits with 12 points.

Putting on a defensive clinic, the Americans handed the Czech

Republic a 94-46 loss on July 29. Receiving double-digit scoring efforts from five different players, including a game-high 12 points from Beard, the U.S. assured itself of a spot in the medal quarterfinals.

After holding a four-point, 40-36, lead at halftime, and with the help of 14 points apiece from Augustus and Ohlde, the United States advanced to the medal quarterfinals round after defeating host Croatia 83-58 on July 30.

Behind a balanced scoring attack that saw four players score in double digits, the U.S. advanced to the medal semifinals after ousting Australia 80-56 on Aug. 1 in quarterfinals play. Thomas checked in for a team high 13 points and seven rebounds.

Facing France on Aug. 2 for the right to advance to the gold medal game, the Americans fought their way to a 58-47 victory after Polk contributed a game high 15 points.

In what was a battle to the end, the USA pulled out a 71-55 gold medal victory over its South American rivals Brazil on Aug. 3 as tournament MVP Augustus paced the U.S. to the gold with 18 points.

Owning a 44-30 halftime lead, the U.S. went on a 6-1 spurt to start the third quarter for its largest lead of the game, 50-31, at the 6:40 mark. However, Brazil went on a 16-4 run and with 1:38 remaining in the third quarter the USA's advantage had been shaved to 54-47. But by the end of three, the U.S. on top by 10 points, 59-49.

Tight defense on both ends kept the fourth quarter scoreless until Brazil hit two free throws at 6:52. Pondexter ended the USA's fourth quarter scoring drought with a 19-footer at 6:32 to up the score to 61-51. And with that, the U.S. was revived and went on a 10-4 run to put away the gold medal game.

2003 USA U21 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

NAME	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE	SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Seimone Augustus	F	6-1	170	19	Louisiana State University	Baton Rouge, LA
Alana Beard	G	5-11	158	21	Duke University	Shreveport, LA
Temeka Johnson	G	5-3	130	20	Louisiana State University	Kenner, LA
Kristen Mann	G/F	6-2	185	19	UC Santa Barbara	Santa Ana, CA
Caity Matter	G	5-8	165	20	Ohio State University	Bluffton, OH
Nicole Ohlde	C	6-4	175	21	Kansas State University	Clay Center, KS
Shawntinice Polk	C	6-5	225	20	University of Arizona	Hanford, CA
Cappie Pondexter	G	5-9	153	20	Rutgers University	Chicago, IL
Christi Thomas	F/C	6-5	185	20	University of Georgia	Buford, GA
Kendra Wecker	F	5-11	170	20	Kansas State University	Marysville, KS
Lindsay Whalen	G	5-8	145	21	University of Minnesota	Hutchinson, MN
Tanisha Wright	G	5-10	160	19	Penn State University	West Mifflin, PA

Head Coach: Jim Foster, Ohio State University

Assistant Coach: Kathy Delaney-Smith, Harvard (MA) **Assistant Coach:** Felisha Legette-Jack, Hofstra (NY)

Team Physician: Dave Walden (Colorado Springs, CO) **Athletic Trainer:** Karry Waple, Capital University (OH)

2003 USA RESULTS (7-1)

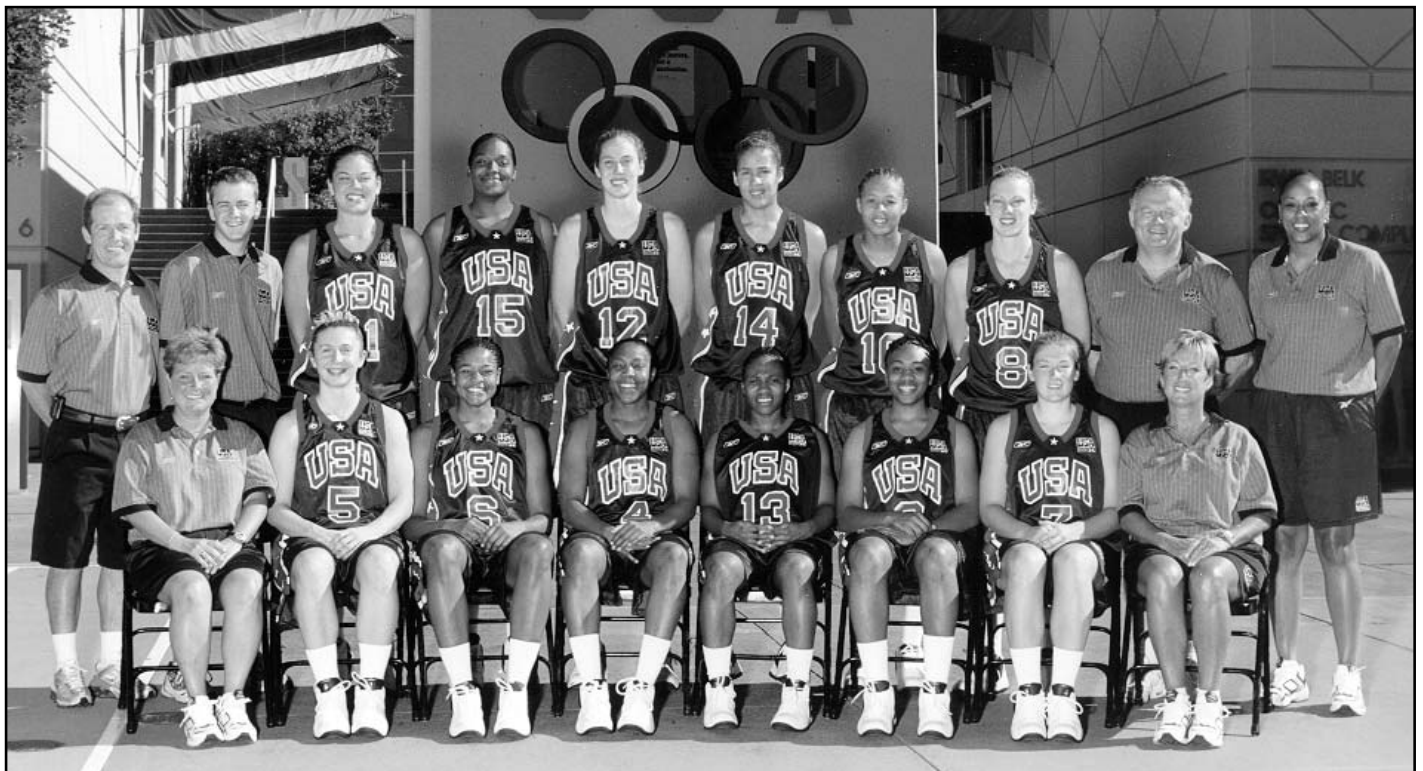
USA	56	France	48
USA	95	South Korea	46
Brazil	73	USA	60
USA	94	Czech Rep.	46
USA	83	Croatia	58
USA	80	Australia	56
USA	58	France	47
USA	71	Brazil	55

2003 U21 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL STANDINGS

1.	United States (7-1)	7.	China (3-5)
2.	Brazil (6-2)	8.	Latvia (5-3)
3.	France (6-2)	9.	Czech Republic (3-4)
4.	Croatia (3-5)	10.	Argentina (2-5)
5.	Australia (6-2)	11.	South Korea (1-6)
6.	Russia (4-4)	12.	Tunisia (0-7)

2003 USA U21 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM CUMULATIVE STATISTICS

NAME	G/S	FGM-FGA	PCT	3PM-3PA	PCT	FTM-FTA	PCT	REB/AVG	PTS/AVG	AST	BLK	STL
Seimone Augustus	8/8	39- 66	.591	3- 3	1.000	4- 4	1.00	30/ 3.8	85/ 10.6	5	3	19
Alana Beard	8/8	29- 67	.433	5- 15	.333	11- 25	.440	29/ 3.6	74/ 9.3	12	4	23
Shawntinice Polk	8/5	30- 49	.612	0- 0	---	7- 23	.304	41/ 5.1	67/ 8.4	3	4	15
Nicole Ohlde	8/8	21- 54	.389	0- 1	.000	20- 29	.690	45/ 5.6	62/ 7.8	9	1	11
Christi Thomas	8/3	25- 55	.455	2- 6	.333	9- 20	.450	54/ 6.8	61/ 7.6	2	4	9
Kristen Mann	8/0	22- 42	.524	1- 5	.200	6- 10	.600	23/ 2.9	51/ 6.4	4	0	4
Caity Matter	8/0	16- 50	.320	12- 35	.343	1- 2	.500	16/ 2.0	45/ 5.6	4	1	3
Cappie Pondexter	8/8	16- 46	.348	3- 11	.273	7- 10	.700	13/ 1.6	42/ 5.3	8	0	7
Kendra Wecker	8/0	16- 37	.432	0- 4	.000	5- 7	.714	17/ 2.1	37/ 4.6	1	0	12
Tanisha Wright	8/0	13- 28	.464	2- 4	.500	7- 8	.875	13/ 1.6	35/ 4.4	3	0	6
Lindsay Whalen	8/0	10- 25	.400	3- 13	.231	4- 5	.800	11/ 1.4	27/ 3.4	7	0	6
Temeka Johnson	8/0	5- 13	.385	1- 1	1.000	0- 0	---	7/ 0.9	11/ 1.4	5	0	5
USA	8	242-532	.455	32- 98	.327	81-143	.566	299/ 37.4	597/ 74.6	63	17	120
OPP.	8	151-475	.318	48-178	.270	79-123	.642	207/ 25.9	429/ 53.6	32	11	68



2003 USA U21 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

Sitting (L-R): Kerry Waple, athletic trainer; Caity Matter; Alana Beard; Cappie Pondexter; Temeka Johnson; Tanisha Wright; Lindsay Whalen; Kathy Delaney-Smith, assistant coach.

Standing (L-R): Dave Walden, team physician; Greg Callan, team manager; Kristen Mann; Shawntinice Polk; Nicole Ohlde; Christi Thomas; Seimone Augustus; Kendra Wecker; Jim Foster, head coach; Felisha Legette-Jack; assistant coach.

FIBA U21 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SUMMARY OF FINISHES

	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
United States	1	0	0
Brazil	0	1	0
France	0	0	1

FIBA U21 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP YEAR-BY-YEAR FINAL STANDINGS

2003
1. USA
2. BRA
3. FRA
4. CRO
5. AUS
6. RUS
7. CHN
8. LAT
9. CZE
10. ARG
11. KOR
12. TUN

LEGEND: ARG-Argentina; AUS-Australia; BRA-Brazil; CHN-China; CRO-Croatia; CZE-Czech Republic; FRA-France; KOR-South Korea; LAT-Latvia; RUS-Russia; TUN-Tunisia; USA-United States of America

USA ALL-TIME FIBA U21 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

(WON 7, LOST 1)

Australia (1-0)

80 - 56 2003

Brazil (1-1)

71 - 55 2003

60 - 73 2003

Croatia (1-0)

83 - 58 2003

Czech Republic (1-0)

94 - 46 2003

France (2-0)

58 - 47 2003

56 - 48 2003

South Korea (1-0)

95 - 46 2003

USA U21 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP HEAD COACHES

YEAR	SITE	USA HEAD COACH/SCHOOL	FINAL RECORD / MEDAL
2003	Sibenik, Croatia	Jim Foster, Ohio State University	7-1 / Gold

USA U21 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP ASSISTANT COACHES

NAME	YEAR	SCHOOL
Kathy Delaney-Smith	2003	Harvard University (Mass.)
Felisha Legette-Jack	2003	Hofstra University (N.Y.)

USA ALL-TIME U21 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP ROSTER BY SCHOOL

<p style="text-align: center;">Arizona</p> <p>Shawntinice Polk (2003)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">UC Santa Barbara</p> <p>Kristen Mann (2003)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Duke</p> <p>Alana Beard (2003)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Georgia</p> <p>Christi Thomas (2003)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Kansas State</p> <p>Kendra Wecker (2003)</p> <p>Nicole Ohlde (2003)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Louisiana State</p> <p>Temeka Johnson (2003)</p> <p>Seimone Augustus (2003)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Minnesota</p> <p>Lindsay Whalen (2003)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ohio State</p> <p>Caity Matter (2003)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Penn State</p> <p>Tanisha Wright (2003)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rutgers</p> <p>Cappie Pondexter (2003)</p>
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USA ALL-TIME U21 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

<p style="text-align: center;">A</p> <p>Seimone Augustus 2003 Louisiana State</p> <p style="text-align: center;">B</p> <p>Alana Beard 2003 Duke</p> <p style="text-align: center;">J</p> <p>Temeka Johnson 2003 Louisiana State</p> <p style="text-align: center;">M</p> <p>Kristen Mann 2003 UC Santa Barbara</p> <p>Caity Matter 2003 Ohio State</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">O</p> <p>Nicole Ohlde 2003 Kansas State</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P</p> <p>Shawntinice Polk 2003 Arizona</p> <p>Cappie Pondexter 2003 Rutgers</p> <p style="text-align: center;">T</p> <p>Christi Thomas 2003 Georgia</p> <p style="text-align: center;">W</p> <p>Kendra Wecker 2003 Kansas State</p> <p>Lindsay Whalen 2003 Minnesota</p> <p>Tanisha Wright 2003 Penn State</p>
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USA INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION RECORDS - U21 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

MOST POINTS:

Seimone Augustus	85 (10.6)	2003
Alana Beard	74 (9.3)	2003
Shawntinice Polk	67 (8.4)	2003
Nicole Ohlde	62 (7.8)	2003
Christi Thomas	61 (7.6)	2003

MOST REBOUNDS:

Christi Thomas	54 (6.8)	2003
Nicole Ohlde	45 (5.6)	2003
Shawntinice Polk	41 (5.1)	2003
Seimone Augustus	30 (3.8)	2003
Alana Beard	29 (3.6)	2003

HIGHEST FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE:

(minimum of three attempts a game)

Shawntinice Polk	.612 (30-49)	2003
Seimone Augustus	.591 (39-66)	2003
Kristen Mann	.524 (22-42)	2003
Tanisha Wright	.464 (13-28)	2003
Christi Thomas	.455 (25-55)	2003

HIGHEST 3-POINT PERCENTAGE:

(minimum of one attempt a game)

Alana Beard	.333 (5-15)	2003
Caity Matter	.343 (12-35)	2003
Cappie Pondexter	.273 (3-11)	2003
Lindsay Whalen	.231 (3-13)	2003

HIGHEST FREE THROW PERCENTAGE:

(minimum of one attempt a game)

Tanisha Wright	.875 (7- 8)	2003
Cappie Pondexter	.700 (7-10)	2003
Nicole Ohlde	.690 (20-29)	2003
Kristen Mann	.600 (6-10)	2003
Christi Thomas	.450 (9-20)	2003

MOST ASSISTS:

Alana Beard	12 (1.5)	2003
Nicole Ohlde	9 (1.1)	2003
Cappie Pondexter	8 (1.0)	2003
Lindsay Whalen	7 (0.9)	2003

MOST BLOCKED SHOTS:

Alana Beard	4 (0.5)	2003
Shawntinice Polk	4 (0.5)	2003
Christi Thomas	4 (0.5)	2003
Seimone Augustus	3 (0.4)	2003

MOST STEALS:

Alana Beard	23 (2.9)	2003
Seimone Augustus	19 (2.4)	2003
Shawntinice Polk	15 (1.9)	2003
Kendra Wecker	12 (1.5)	2003
Nicole Ohlde	11 (1.4)	2003

USA TEAM COMPETITION RECORDS - U21 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

MOST POINTS:	597 in 2003
MOST POINTS AVERAGED:	74.6 in 2003
MOST FGM:	242 in 2003
MOST FGA:	532 in 2003
HIGHEST FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE:	.455 (242-532) in 2003
MOST 3PM:	32 in 2003
MOST 3PA:	98 in 2003
HIGHEST 3-POINT PERCENTAGE:	.327 (32-98) in 2003

MOST FTM:	81 in 2003
MOST FTA:	143 in 2003
HIGHEST FREE THROW PERCENTAGE:	.566 (81-143) in 2003
MOST REBOUNDS:	299 in 2003
HIGHEST REBOUND AVERAGE:	37.4 in 2003
MOST ASSISTS:	63 in 2003
MOST BLOCKED SHOTS:	17 in 2003
MOST STEALS:	120 in 2003

USA INDIVIDUAL GAME RECORDS - U21 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

MOST POINTS:

18, Seimone Augustus vs. Brazil	8/03/03
16, Kristen Mann vs. South Korea	7/26/03
15, Shawntinice Polk vs. France	8/02/03
15, Caity Matter vs. South Korea	7/26/03
14, Seimone Augustus vs. Croatia	7/30/03
14, Nicole Ohlde vs. Croatia	7/30/03
14, Shawntinice Polk vs. Brazil	8/03/03
14, Cappie Pondexter vs. France	8/02/03
13, Alana Beard vs. France	7/25/03
13, Shawntinice Polk vs. South Korea	7/26/03
13, Christi Thomas vs. Brazil	8/03/03
13, Christi Thomas vs. Australia	8/01/03

MOST FGM:

8, Seimone Augustus vs. Brazil	8/03/03
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MOST FGA:

13, Seimone Augustus vs. Brazil	8/03/03
13, Alana Beard vs. France	7/25/03

HIGHEST FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE:

1.000 (5-5), Cappie Pondexter vs. Australia	8/01/03
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MOST 3PM:

4, Caity Matter vs. South Korea	7/26/03
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MOST 3PA:

10, Caity Matter vs. South Korea	7/26/03
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HIGHEST 3-POINT PERCENTAGE:

1.000 (2-2), Seimone Augustus vs. Brazil	8/03/03
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MOST FTM:

6, Nicole Ohlde vs. Croatia	7/30/03
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MOST FTA:

10, Nicole Ohlde vs. Croatia	7/30/03
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HIGHEST FREE THROW PERCENTAGE:

(minimum five attempts)

.833 (5-6), Cappie Pondexter vs. France	8/02/03
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MOST REBOUNDS:

11, Christi Thomas vs. Czech Republic	7/29/03
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MOST ASSISTS:

4, Alana Beard vs. South Korea	7/26/03
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MOST BLOCKED SHOTS:

2, Shawntinice Polk vs. Croatia	7/30/03
2, Christi Thomas vs. Czech Republic	7/29/03

MOST STEALS:

7, Seimone Augustus vs. Croatia	7/30/03
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USA TEAM GAME RECORDS - U21 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

MOST POINTS: 95 vs. South Korea, 7/26/03

MOST REBOUNDS: 51 vs. South Korea, 7/26/03

MOST FGM: 41 vs. Czech Republic, 7/29/03

MOST FGA: 79 vs. Czech Republic, 7/29/03

HIGHEST FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE:
.542 (39-72) vs. South Korea, 7/26/03

MOST 3PM: 7 vs. Australia, 8/01/03

7 vs. South Korea, 7/26/03

MOST 3PA: 22 vs. South Korea, 7/26/03

HIGHEST 3-POINT PERCENTAGE:
.636 (7-11) vs. Australia, 8/01/03

MOST FTM: 14 vs. Croatia, 7/30/03

MOST FTA: 29 vs. Brazil, 7/27/03

HIGHEST FREE THROW PERCENTAGE:
.733 (11-15) vs. France, 8/02/03

MOST ASSISTS: 20 vs. South Korea, 7/26/03

MOST BLOCKED SHOTS: 4 vs. Australia, 8/01/03

MOST STEALS: 24 vs. Czech Republic, 7/29/03