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Olympic Hockey Qualifier Women, Manukau, Auckland

Match 18
Wednesday 24 March 2004

United States 3 - 0 Spain

Kristen McCann	FG 16m
Tracey Fuchs	FG 21m
April Fronzoni	FG 58m

Match Summary

USA confirmed third spot in Pool B and Spain dropped to second after their final preliminary round match. In a clash that meant little to Spain - except for their final pool position - after their qualification for Athens yesterday, USA had more to gain from the match. USA will play the fourth-placed team in Pool A in their first sudden death clash on Friday, while Spain will contest their semi final against the winner of Germany and New Zealand. Spanish coach Pablo Usoz used the match to rest some senior players and give some members of his squad valuable time on the pitch before Friday's semi finals. Despite the rotation of player personnel from Spain, the USA defensive line, led by Tara Jelley and Carrie Lingo, played their best match of the tournament to keep a clean sheet for the second time in as many matches.

Quotes

"I think we played well, I'm really very proud of the girls. We'll take each game on its merits and work out each game as it comes. The fast break worked, we completed the passes and it made all the difference in the world."
Beth Shea, USA Coach

"We were playing badly and making silly mistakes. We wanted to win the match but our head was on other things. We played very bad today. We have two matches to go and I want to win both. The loss may change their mentality."
Pablo Usoz, ESP Coach

Stats

0 from 1	Penalty corners	0 from 7
0 from 0	Penalty strokes	0 from 0
3 from 7	Field goal shots	0 from 2

Penalty cards

Rocio Ybarra	Green 29m	Nil
Silvia Bonastre	Green 31m	

Next match

v 4 th Pool A	v 1 st Pool A
Friday 26 March – 12pm	Friday 26 March – 4pm