



The Sky's the Limit

CARLI LLOYD IS MAKING A NAME FOR HERSELF IN U.S. SOCCER

The score was 0-0 as the second overtime began to wind down at Syracuse Stadium last October. The Scarlet Knights women's soccer team, about halfway into their 2003 season, desperately needed a win. "We were dominating play but we couldn't put the ball in the net," remembers Carli Lloyd. "Kim [Minceo] made a great cross and I was able to head it into the goal with eight seconds left. It helped carry us the rest of the way and into the NCAAs."

While the women's soccer team's season ended in a 3-1 second-round loss to sixth-ranked Penn State in the NCAAs, Lloyd, the Knights' extraordinarily talented center midfielder, finished the season with 13 goals and two assists. She earned first-team all-Big East Conference honors for the third consecutive year and third-team All-American Honors from the National Soccer Coaches Association. "In my freshman year, we made it to the round of 16 in the NCAAs, and I think we can go even further this season," she says.

Earlier this year Lloyd (RC'05) trained for the third straight year with the U.S. National Team and competed internationally with the U.S. under-21 team for the second time. Her goal: selection for the team that competes

in the World Cup tournament and the Olympics.

Jerry Smith, her former coach on the U.S. under-21 team, told the *Philadelphia Inquirer* in 2002: "She has such great composure with the ball and is a great attacking player who can beat you off the dribble. She is an Allen Iverson of women's soccer who can beat

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you dribbling, passing, and shooting. She can hit the ball as hard as anybody in the game. When we did shooting drills, I would tell players to watch Carli.”

A graduate of Burlington County's Delran High, Lloyd was twice named South Jersey high school player of the year. At the time, she competed on regional all-star teams, but never on the national level. "Since we've had her, she's developed into a more complete player," says Scarlet Knights head coach Glenn Crooks. "She's become a better defender and has learned to involve her teammates more."

Crooks believes that if this year's

team can develop a consistent second scorer behind Lloyd, it can be the best team in Scarlet Knights history. "The seniors were my first recruiting class, and it would be especially rewarding to see them compete for the Big East Conference championship game and advance deep in the NCAAs," he says.

Meanwhile, seven members of the National Team, including Brandi Chastain, Julie Foudy, and Mia Hamm, are all over 30 years old, which means several roster spots should open in the next few years. U.S. women's soccer, looking for new stars to replace them, may have one in Lloyd.—BG

“You see guys on other teams start to look around, waiting for bad things to happen. We know it's coming, and so do they.”

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SCARLET QUIZ

Q: What outfielder broke the all-time Scarlet Knights record for most career home runs with 34?

A: Jeff Frazier of Toms River, who was drafted in the spring in the third round of the Major League Baseball draft by the Detroit Tigers.