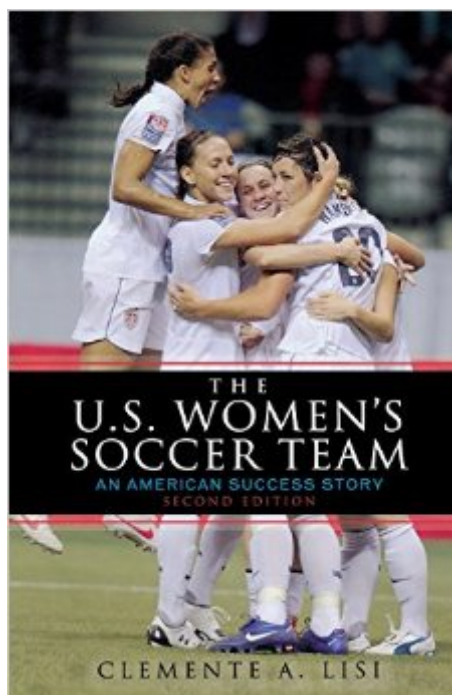


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The U.S. Women's Soccer Team: An American Success Story



Synopsis

In this new edition updated through the team's spectacular win at the 2012 London Olympics, Clemente A. Lisi examines how the sport of women's soccer has gained popularity over the past few decades. While other books have been written about the team during a specific year, such as those focused solely on the 1999 World Cup win on U.S. soil, Lisi details the program's infancy and how it steadily became a model for women's teams around the globe. Beginning with the start of the U.S. program in 1985, Lisi recounts the development of the women's team, highlighted by their two first place finishes in the Women's World Cups (1991 and 1999) and four Olympic women's gold medals (1996, 2004, 2008, and 2012). In addition to chronicling the history of the team as a whole, this book offers mini profiles and photographs of some of the best players over the years, including Julie Foudy, Amy Rodriguez, Hope Solo, and Mia Hamm.

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This was just not a good book. While the history was fascinating, Lisi has no sense of narrative and would get stuck in "word-ruts." It was odd how the book ended, with a paragraph about the 2012 Olympic Gold Medal Match - maybe there was a deadline to meet or something, but for a writer who spent pages on innocuous early international friendlies to end with just a paragraph on the most recent thrilling game for the team seemed poor form.

I like that she didn't shy away from some of the controversial aspects of the history of the Womens National Team. I'm still waiting for someone to address something I witnessed with my own eyes.

Before '93, I saw the UNC women play and most of them looked like Biker Chicks (nose rings, tats, punky hair) then 2 years later "America's Sweethearts"; all makeup and ponytails.

Quick read, wish it focused a bit more on the development years between major tournaments, but each chapter is basically dedicated to an Olympic or World Cup tournament. Great for on the beach.

Good book. Would have liked it to go into more depth about the team off of the field, but as far as describing games and the major tournaments the team has played in, it did a good job.

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