

US Women - World Champs

Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia, August 17th - After a little over a year away, the USA Water Polo women's team is once again on top of the international water polo world. The US women, with four NYAC players in the squad (Melissa Seidemann, Courtney Mathewson, KK Clark and Annika Dries), won their second straight FINA World Cup title with a 10-6 victory over Australia and with it ascended to the number one ranking in FINA. Powered by three goals from the NYAC's Melissa Seidemann in the title match, the US earned its third World Cup title in program history.

Australia opened the match with a goal to grab a 1-0 lead but the United States had an immediate answer, scoring three straight goals to close the first period ahead 3-1. The United States scored the first goal of the second period to build a 4-1 advantage before Australia stopped the run with a goal. That did little to slow the Team USA offense as they added three more goals in the period and, eventually, held a 7-3 lead at half-time. Australia battled back in the third period, drawing to within two goals (7-5) with 4:31 to play before the United States hit the accelerator again and quickly went up 10-5 by the end of the quarter.

Australia mustered a final goal in the fourth period, but the work was done for the United States as they came away winners, 10-6.

The victory capped an undefeated week for the United States, which earned two wins over Australia along with victories over South Africa, Hungary, and Singapore.

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