



1980 U.S. Olympic Women's Volleyball Team

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The star-crossed team lived and trained in Colorado Springs at the Olympic Training Center in preparation for the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow. This was the first “national team in residence” experiment in Olympic sport in the United States, with all team members, coaches and staff moving to Colorado Springs to live together and train on a full-time basis prior to finishing fifth at the 1978 World Championships later that year. Coached by Dr. Arie Selinger, the team of Janet Baier, Carolyn Becker, Rita Crockett, Patty Dowdell, Laurie Flachmeier, Debbie Green, Flo Hyman, Laurel



Brassey, Debbie Landreth, Diane McCormick, Terry Place, Sue Woodstra, Sharon Moore and Julie Vollertsen was considered a favorite to win the volleyball gold medal in Moscow. Its dream was shattered with the Moscow Olympic boycott forced on the United States Olympic Committee by the Carter Administration, but a handful of players remained to win a silver medal at the 1984 Games in Los Angeles, losing to China in the gold medal game. History can only say that we will never know, but the team changed the face of USA Volleyball forever.