

1-2-3! US hat trick earns World Cup

Lloyd scores 3 and US defeats Japan 5-2

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VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Carli Lloyd lives for the big moment. She had her biggest on Sunday night — and gave the United States its record third Women's World Cup title.

Lloyd scored three times as the U.S. jumped to a four-goal lead in the first 16 minutes, and the Americans overwhelmed defending champion Japan 5-2 for the team's first World Cup championship since 1999.

A sellout crowd of 53,341 that included U.S. Vice President Joe Biden roared in approval for Lloyd's hat trick, the first in a Women's World Cup final.

"It's been a long journey, my career. I've had a lot of people believe in me, in my corner, from day one," said the midfielder, who turns 33 on July 16. "I've dedicated my whole life to this. Everything else comes second. But I wouldn't want to do it any other way."

When it was over, Lloyd collapsed to her knees and pumped her fists. Forward Abby Wambach bear-hugged teary-eyed coach Jill Ellis, lifting her off the ground.

Lloyd, awarded the Golden Ball as player of the tournament, scored twice in a span of about 135 seconds as the U.S. led 2-0 by the fifth minute.

Lauren Holiday boosted the lead in the 14th, and two minutes later Lloyd made it 4-0 with an audacious 54-yard, right-footed shot from midfield that sailed over goalkeeper Ayumi Kaihori.

Japan closed on Yuki Ogimi's goal in the 27th and an own goal by Julie Johnston on an errant header in the 52nd. Tobin Heath scored two minutes later, the third goal off a restart for the Americans.

While winning the last three Olympic gold medals, the U.S. had struggled in the World Cup since taking the title at the inaugural tournament in 1991 and then again at



Megan Rapinoe celebrates after the U.S. beat Japan 5-2 in the FIFA Women's World Cup soccer championship in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, Sunday.

the Rose Bowl eight years later.

Christie Rampone, the only holdover from the 1999 team, lifted the trophy with Wambach, the 35-year-old former FIFA Player of the Year who has said this will be her last World Cup. Wambach was among the most vocal opponents of FIFA's decision to play the tournament on artificial turf.

With FIFA President Sepp Blatter staying away from Canada during a U.S. criminal investigation of soccer corruption, the trophy was presented by FIFA Senior Vice President Issa Hayatou of Cameroon, the head of African soccer's governing body.

Hope Solo won her second straight Golden Glove as top goalkeeper of the tournament. She played despite critics who urged the U.S. Soccer Federation to drop her after she initially faced two misdemeanor counts of domestic violence from a June 2014 altercation at her half-sister's house, charges that were dismissed earlier this year.

Solo, who hasn't spoken to the media for most of the tournament, proclaimed simply: "We did it! Awesome!"

The title, which adds a coveted third star to the American uniform, also vindicated the USSF for its decision in April 2014 to fire coach Tom Sermanni, who had replaced Pia Sundhage the previous year, and replace him with Ellis, the British-born American who had

been an assistant on the coaching staff.

Ellis' tactics and lineups were criticized early in the World Cup tournament when the U.S. offense sputtered at times on offense. She shifted Lloyd to an attacking midfielder in the semifinal against top-ranked Germany and again in the final, and put 22-year-old Morgan Brian, the youngest player on her roster, in a defensive midfield role.

"I want to thank Jill," Lloyd said. "I know lots of people out in the stands were worried about us. We all held together. We all stayed the course. We all executed the game plan."

Lloyd had come up big before, scoring the winning goals in the 2008 and 2012 Olympic finals.

She put the U.S. ahead in the third minute off a grass-hugging corner kick from Megan Rapinoe, streaking into the penalty area on a diagonal run and using the side of her left foot just in front of the spot to redirect the ball inside the far post.

She made it 2-0 after Holiday took a low free kick from the flank and Johnston made a back-heel flick to Lloyd, who was 2 yards out. With her right foot, she poked the ball between two defenders and past Kaihori's outstretched arms.

Lloyd's third goal came when Kaihori ventured far off her line. The keeper backpedaled and got her right hand on the long shot, but the ball glanced off a post into the goal.

It was the fastest hat trick in World Cup history — men or women — and Lloyd became the first American since Michelle Akers in 1991 to score multiple goals in a World Cup final. The only other hat trick in a World Cup final was when England's Geoff Hurst scored three times against Germany in the men's 1966 final at Wembley.

"Miss Lloyd she always does this to us. In London she scored 2 goals and today she scored 3 goals. We are embarrassed," Japan coach Norio Sasaki said. "But she is an excellent player and I really respect her and admire her."

Lloyd scored six goals in seven matches during the monthlong tournament, including in every U.S. game in the knockout phase. She raised her international goals total to 69 and joined Carin Jennings in 1991 as the only Americans to win the Golden Ball.

Holiday added her goal to cap a counterattack, volleying in from 10 yards after Azusa Iwashimizu's header on an attempted clearance bounded high in the air. Heath scored from 4 yards after a Holiday corner kick, which went off Kaihori's weak punch to the far post for Brian to play back in front.

Ogimi's goal was the first Solo allowed after five straight shutouts. The only other goal scored against her came in the first half of the tournament opener against Australia.

The United States went 540 minutes without conceding a goal, the longest streak in the World Cup since Germany's record 679 scoreless minutes from 2003-11.

Japan's victory over the United States four years ago was its first World Cup title and it came just months after the massive earthquake and tsunami that hit Japan, killing more than 20,000 people and touching off the worst nuclear catastrophe since Chernobyl in 1986.

Japan returned eight starters from the 2011 final, when it beat the U.S. on penalty kicks. The Americans started just four of the 11 players who opened that game in Germany.

The United States is 25-1-6 against Japan, including 3-1 in World Cup meetings.

Fishermen win two of three on road trip

The Daily Astorian

The Astoria Ford summer baseball team went 2-1 late last week, on a three-games-in-two-days road swing in the Willamette Valley.

West Salem scored a 10-7 win over Astoria last Thursday, before the Fishermen bounced back with a doubleheader sweep at Dallas Friday, 2-1 and 14-13.

In Friday's sweep, Astoria Ford trailed 1-0 through six innings of Game 1, then scored twice in the top of the seventh to win.

Carter Wallace picked up the complete-game win on the mound, allowing four hits with five strikeouts and no walks.

With one out in the top of the seventh, Astoria's Fridtjof Fremstad reached on an error and advanced on a single by Nick Scott.

Kyle Strange followed with a single to load the bases, and Cade O'Brien singled to center to score Fremstad and Scott with the go-ahead runs.

Dallas pitcher Everett Minahan took the loss, despite striking out 12 with one walk in seven innings.

Game 2 was the exact opposite, as both teams had 18 hits and combined to score 27 runs.

Dallas scored six runs in the first inning, and Astoria Ford scored five in the second and built a 10-6 lead.

Dallas answered with six runs over the fourth, fifth and sixth innings to grab a 12-11 lead, before Astoria scored a run in the seventh to send the game to extra innings.

Both teams scored a run in the eighth, with Astoria Ford driving in a run on an

error, a walk, and a single by Scott to score Wallace.

In the top of the ninth, Astoria's Jackson Arnsdorf had a lead-off single, Tyler Lyngstad drew a walk and Trey Hageman reached on an infield single.

One out later, a line drive by Wallace to center field scored Arnsdorf for the eventual game-winner.

Four Astoria pitchers combined for five strikeouts and four walks, with Hageman getting the win.

Clay Coxen took the loss for Dallas, which used six pitchers.

Strange, Scott, Samboy Tuimato and Arnsdorf all had doubles for Astoria Ford, while Zach Wallace, Justin Spencer, Coxen and Treve Earhart had triples for Dallas.

Six Astoria hitters combined for 15 hits, eight RBIs and 10 runs scored.

In last Thursday's loss, West Salem scored five runs in the first inning on two singles, two doubles and an error.

Astoria rallied to within 5-3, on a two-run triple by Hageman, before West Salem tacked on three runs in the fifth.

Strange had a two-run double in a late rally by Astoria, which scored four runs in its final two at-bats.

Hageman finished with four RBIs on two hits — a triple in the fourth inning and a double in the sixth.

Astoria Ford returns to Aiken Field this week, when the Fishermen host a doubleheader with Warrenton Tuesday. Game 1 at 5 p.m. will be a Junior State Division 1 game, followed by Astoria Ford's B team vs. Warrenton in Game 2.

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