



MARK  
**Johnson** Head Coach

**Mark Johnson**, who will lead the U.S. Women's National Team through the 2010 Olympic Winter Games, is among the most accomplished coaches in the world today.

Johnson has been involved as a head coach in the U.S. Women's National Program the past three seasons. In January of 2009, he guided the U.S. National Under-18 Team to the gold medal at the International Ice Hockey Federation World Women's U18 Championship. He followed it up by guiding the U.S. Women's National Team to gold at the IIHF World Women's Championship just three months later.

Johnson also served as head coach for the U.S. Women's Under-22 Select Team in 2007-08 and guided Team USA to a second-place finish at the 2006 Four National Cup, as well as the silver medal at the 2007 IIHF World Women's Championship.

As part of his role as head coach of the 2010 U.S. Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team, Johnson will guide the squad during the Qwest Tour from September 2009 through February 2010 in the lead-up to the Vancouver Games, as well as at the 2009 Women's Four Nations Cup.

Prior to working with the women, Johnson twice served as an assistant coach for the U.S. Men's National Team in the IIHF Men's World Championship (2000, 2002) and also was an assistant coach at the 2001 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Orientation Camp.

Beyond his numerous roles with Team USA, Johnson is the head women's ice hockey coach at the University of Wisconsin. There, Johnson has taken the Badger program to national prominence in his first six years at the helm. Under his guidance, the Badgers have advanced to the NCAA championship game in each of the past four seasons and captured the title in three of those years (2006, 2007, 2009). Since the 2005-06 campaign, Wisconsin has recorded 135 wins, more than any other team in the nation.

The 2006, 2007 and 2009 Western Collegiate Hockey Association Coach of the Year and American Hockey Coaches Association Division I Coach of the Year, Johnson led the Badgers to back-to-back WCHA regular-season, playoff and NCAA championships, while winning more games (72) in a two-year period (2005-07) than any other team in women's college hockey history. During the 2006-07 campaign, Johnson's team broke or tied 18 NCAA team and individual records, including wins in a season (36), fewest losses (one), best winning percentage (.927) and most shutouts (18). Johnson leads all active women's college hockey coaches with an .880 winning percentage after compiling a record of 210-19-22 in his first six years at Wisconsin.

Prior to his time on the Wisconsin women's bench, Johnson served as an assistant coach with the UW men's ice hockey program from 1996-02. In addition, Johnson coached professionally, directing the Colonial Hockey



League-expansion Madison Monsters to a 37-30-7 mark in the 1995-96 season and earning CHL Coach of the Year honors.

Meanwhile, Johnson has represented the United States as a player in 13 international tournaments, including eight world championships. Most notably, he led the 1980 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team to the gold medal, tallying a team-leading 11 points, including two goals in the "Miracle On Ice" game against the Soviet Union.

Additionally, Johnson played at the University of Wisconsin, where he garnered WCHA Rookie of the Year honors in 1977 and went on to become the school's second all-time leading scorer with 256 points, including a still-standing school-record 125 goals in just three seasons. He was a two-time All-America selection (1978, 1979) and earned league MVP accolades in 1979.

Johnson enjoyed an 11-year National Hockey League career, during which time he racked up 508 points in 669 games. He enjoyed stings with the Pittsburgh Penguins, Minnesota

North Stars, Hartford Whalers, St. Louis Blues and New Jersey Devils.

Among his numerous accolades throughout the years, Johnson, the son of legendary coach Bob Johnson, is a member of the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame and the IIHF Hall of Fame.

Johnson, a native of Madison, Wis., earned his bachelor's degree in kinesiology from Wisconsin in 1994. He regularly resides in Verona, Wis., with his wife, Leslie, although he will be stationed in Minneapolis during the lead-up to the Vancouver Games.

The couple has five children, Doug (2/24/84), Chris (11/3/85), Patrick (4/21/89), Mikayla (8/15/94) and Megan (1/15/97). Doug is the head coach for the Wisconsin Ice Spirit Girls' U14 hockey team, Chris is a senior captain for the Augsburg College men's ice hockey team, Patrick is a junior on the UW men's ice hockey team and Mikayla and Megan play hockey for the Wisconsin Ice Spirit Girls' U14 and U12 teams, respectively.